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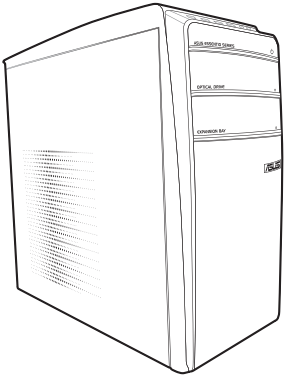

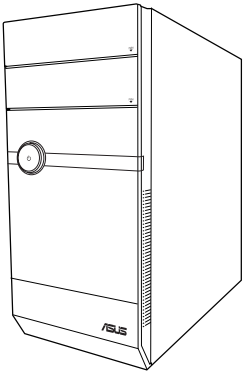

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Notices

ASUS Recycling/Takeback Services

ASUS recycling and takeback programs come from our commitment to the highest standards for protecting our environment. We believe in providing solutions for you to be able to responsibly recycle our products, batteries, other components, as well as the packaging materials. Please go to http://csr.asus.com/english/Takeback.htm for the detailed recycling information in different regions.

REACH

Complying with the REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals) regulatory framework, we published the chemical substances in our products at ASUS REACH website at http://csr.asus.com/english/REACH.htm

Federal Communications Commission Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

WARNING! The use of shielded cables for connection of the monitor to the graphics card is required to assure compliance with FCC regulations. Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

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This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Safety information

Electrical safety

- To prevent electric shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electric outlet before relocating the system.
- When adding or removing devices to or from the system, ensure that the power cables for the devices are unplugged before the signal cables are connected. If possible, disconnect all power cables from the existing system before you add a device.
- Before connecting or removing signal cables from the motherboard, ensure that all power cables are unplugged.
- Seek professional assistance before using an adapter or extension cord. These devices could interrupt the grounding circuit.
- Ensure that your power supply is set to the correct voltage in your area. If you are not sure about the voltage of the electrical outlet you are using, contact your local power company.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

Operation safety

- Before installing the motherboard and adding devices on it, carefully read all the manuals that came with the package.
- Before using the product, ensure that all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If you detect any damage, contact your dealer immediately.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Do not place the product in any area where it may become wet.
- Place the product on a stable surface.
- If you encounter technical problems with the product, contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

Lithium-Ion Battery Warning

CAUTION: Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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About this guide

Audience

This guide provides general information and installation instructions about the ASUS V-Series P8H77E barebone system. This guide is intended for users and administrators with experience handling hardware and PC components.

How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

1. **Chapter 1: System introduction**

   This chapter gives a general description of the ASUS V-Series P8H77E. The chapter lists system features, physical descriptions of the front and rear panels, and an overview of internal components.

2. **Chapter 2: Starting up**

   This chapter provides an overview of booting up for the first time and installing drivers and utilities from the support DVD.

3. **Chapter 3: Motherboard info**

   This chapter provides details about the motherboard that comes with the system. This chapter includes the motherboard layout, jumper settings, and connector locations.

4. **Chapter 4: BIOS setup**

   This chapter provides a detailed guide to navigating and setting up the BIOS.

Conventions used in this guide

WARNING: Indicates information that could prevent injury when completing a task.

CAUTION: Indicates information to prevent damage to the components when completing a task.

IMPORTANT: Instructions that you MUST follow to complete a task.

NOTE: Tips and additional information when completing a task.

Where to find more information

Refer to the following sources for additional information and for product and software updates.

1. **ASUS Websites**

   The ASUS websites worldwide provide updated information on ASUS hardware and software products. Refer to the ASUS contact information.

2. **Optional Documentation**

   Your product package may include optional documentation, such as warranty flyers, that may have been added by your dealer. These documents are not part of the standard package.

System package contents

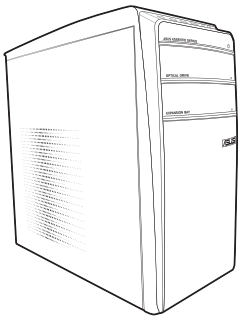
Check your V-P8H77E system package for the following items.

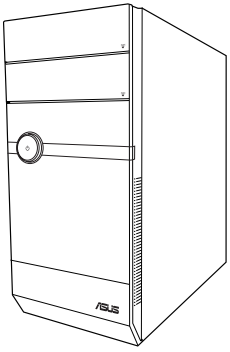
If any of the items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer immediately.

Item	Description
1.	ASUS V-Series P8H77E barebone system with
	• ASUS motherboatd
	• Power supply unit
	• ASUS chassis
2.	Cable
	• AC power cable
3.	Support DVD
4.	Quick Installation Guide

Chapter 1

This chapter gives a general description of the ASUS V-Series P8H77E. The chapter lists system features, physical descriptions of the front and rear panels, and an overview of internal components.





System introduction

1.1 Welcome!

Thank you for choosing the ASUS V-P8H77E!

The ASUS V9- P8H77E is an all-in-one barebone system with versatile home entertainment features.

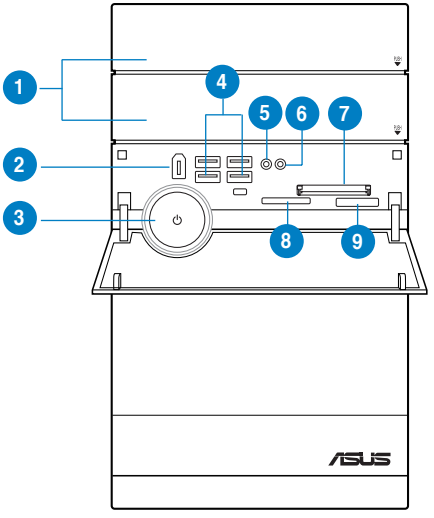
The system comes in a stylish casing and powered by the ASUS motherboard that supports the Third Generation Intel® Core™ i7 / Core™ i5 / Core™ i3 processors in the 1155-land package.

The system supports up to 32 GB of system memory using DDR3-1600/1333/1066 DIMMs. High-resolution graphics via integrated graphics controller or PCI Express 2.0 / 3.0 x16 slots, Serial ATA 3.0Gbs / 6.0Gb/s, USB 2.0 / 3.0, and 8-channel audio features take you ahead in the world of power computing.

1.2 Front panel

The front panel includes the optical drive bays, power button, and several I/O ports.

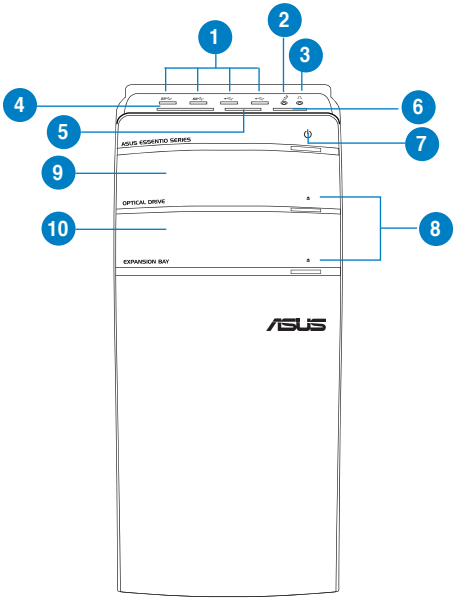
1.2.1 V7-P8H77E front panel



1. **Two empty 5.25-inch drive bays.** These bays are for 5.25-inch IDE/SATA optical drives.
2. **IEEE1394a port** (optional).
3. **Power button.** Press this button to turn the system on.
4. **USB 2.0 ports (2 or 4 USB ports vary with models).** These Universal Serial Bus 2.0 (USB 2.0) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices such as a mouse, printer, scanner, camera, PDA, and others.

5. **Microphone port.** This Mic (pink) port connects a microphone.
6. **Headphone port.** This Line In (lime) port connects a headphone with a stereo mini-plug.
7. **CompactFlash® / Microdrive™ card slot**
8. **Secure Digital™/ Multimedia Card slot**
9. **MemoryStick® / Memory Stick Pro™ card slot**

1.2.2 V9-P8H77E front panel



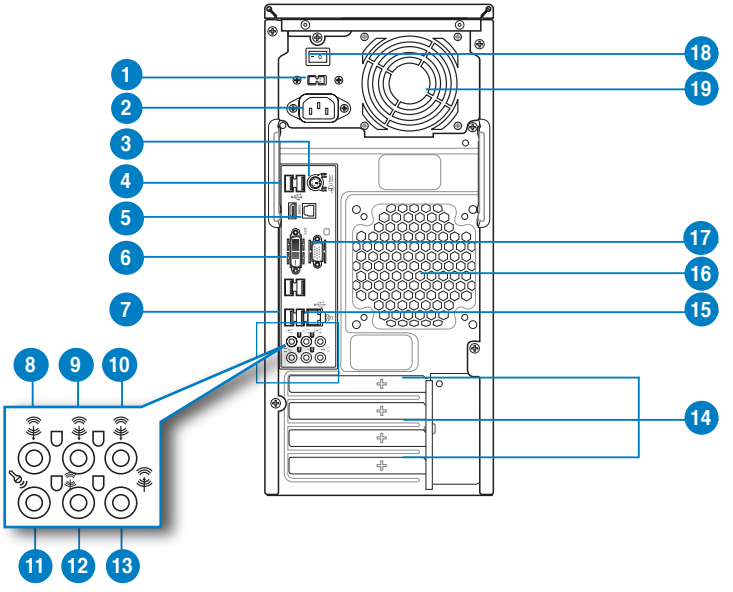
1. **USB 2.0 / USB 3.0 ports.** These USB 2.0 / USB 3.0 ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 / USB 3.0 devices such as a mouse, printer, scanner, camera, PDA, and others.
2. **Microphone port.** This Mic (pink) port connects a microphone.
3. **Headphone port.** This Line In (lime) port connects a headphone with a stereo mini-plug.
4. **CompactFlash® / Microdrive™ card slot**
5. **Secure Digital™/ Multimedia Card slot**
6. **MemoryStick® / Memory Stick Pro™ card slot**
7. **Power button.** Press this button to turn the system on.
8. **Optical disk drive eject button.** Press this button to eject the optical disk drive tray.

9. **5.25-inch optical disk drive bay.** There is an optical disk drive in this bay.

10. **5.25-inch optical disk drive bay (empty).** Allows you to install an additional optical disk drive in this bay.

1.3 Rear panel

The system rear panel includes the power connector and several I/O ports that allow convenient connection of devices.



Do NOT cover the rear vent. Ambient temperature should not exceed 35oC to prevent the system from overheating.

1. **Voltage selector.** This switch allows you to adjust the system input voltage according to the voltage supply in your area. See the section **Voltage selector** on page 1-7 before adjusting this switch.
2. **Power connector.** This connector is for the power cable and plug.
3. **PS/2 keyboard/mouse combo port.** This connector is for a PS/2 keyboard or mouse.
4. **USB 2.0 ports 1 ~ 4.** These 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
5. **HDMI port.** This port is for a High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) connector, and is HDCP compliant allowing playback of HD DVD, Blu-Ray and other protected content.
6. **DVI-D Out port.** This port is for any DVI-D compatible device and is HDCP compliant allowing playback of HD DVD, Blu-Ray and other protected content.
7. **USB 3.0 ports 1 ~ 2.** These 4-pin Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports are available for connecting USB 3.0/2.0 devices.

- DO NOT connect a keyboard / mouse to any USB 3.0 port when running a Windows® operating system.
- Due to USB 3.0 controller limitations, USB 3.0 devices can only be used under a Windows® OS environment and only after the USB 3.0 driver installation.
- USB 3.0 devices can only be used for data transfer to a data storage device.
- We strongly recommend that you connect USB 3.0 devices to USB 3.0 ports for faster and better performance for your USB 3.0 devices.

8. **Side Speaker Out port (gray).** This port connects the side speakers in an 8-channel audio configuration.
9. **Rear Speaker Out port (black).** This port connects the rear speakers in a 4-channel, 6-channel, or 8-channel audio configuration.
10. **Center/Subwoofer port (orange).** This port connects the center/subwoofer speakers.
11. **Microphone port (pink).** This port connects a microphone.
12. **Line Out port (lime).** This port connects a headphone or a speaker. In 4-channel, 6-channel, and 8-channel configurations, the function of this port becomes Front Speaker Out.
13. **Line In port (light blue).** This port connects the tape, CD, DVD player, or other audio sources.

Refer to the audio configuration table on the next page for the function of the audio ports in 2, 4, 6, or 8-channel configuration.

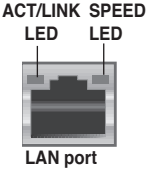
Audio 2, 4, 6, or 8-channel configuration

Port	Headset 2-channel	4-channel	6-channel	8-channel
Light Blue	Line In	Line In	Line In	Line In
Lime	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In
Orange	–	–	Center/Subwoofer	Center/Subwoofer
Black	–	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Gray	–	–	–	Side Speaker Out

14. **Expansion slot covers.** Remove these covers when installing expansion cards.
15. **LAN (RJ-45) port.** This port allows gigabit connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub. Refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

LAN port LED indications

Activity/Link		Speed LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
OFF	No link	OFF	10 Mbps connection
ORANGE	Linked	ORANGE	100 Mbps connection
BLINKING	Data activity	GREEN	1 Gbps connection



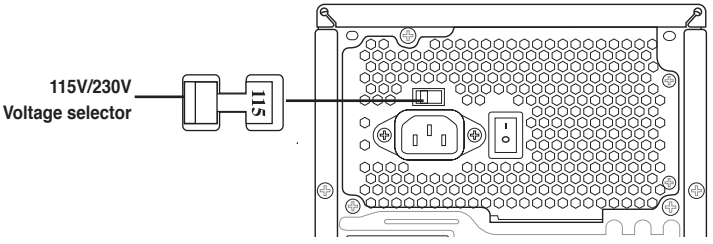
16. **Chassis fan vent.** This vent is for the fan that provides ventilation inside the system chassis.
17. **Video Graphics Adapter (VGA) port.** This 15-pin port is for a VGA monitor or other VGA-compatible devices.
18. **Power Switch.** This switch is for switching on/off the power supply unit.
19. **Power supply unit fan vent.** This vent is for the PSU fan that provides ventilation inside the power supply unit.

Voltage selector

The PSU has a 115 V/230 V voltage selector switch located beside the power connector. Use this switch to select the appropriate system input voltage according to the voltage supply in your area.

If the voltage supply in your area is 100-127 V, set this switch to 115 V.

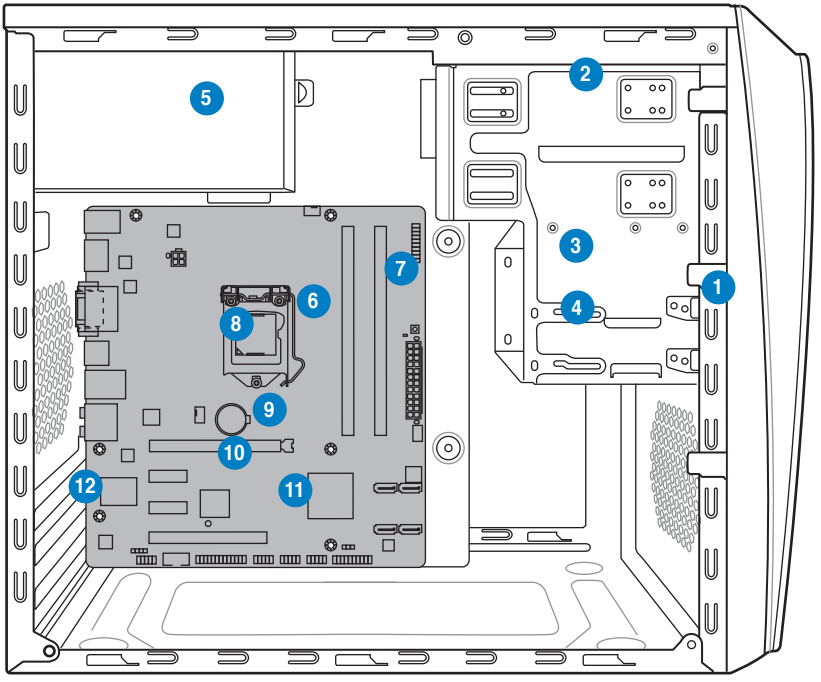
If the voltage supply in your area is 200-240 V, set this switch to 230 V.



Setting the switch to 115V in a 230V environment or 230V in a 115V environment will seriously damage the system!

1.4 Internal components

The illustration below is the internal view of the system when you remove the chassis cover and the power supply unit. The installed components are labeled for your reference.



1. Front panel cover
2. 5.25-inch optical drive bays
3. 3.5-inch drive bay
4. Hard disk drive bay
5. Power supply unit
6. CPU socket
7. DIMM sockets
8. ASUS motherboard
9. PCI Express 3.0 x16 slot (x16 mode)
10. PCI Express x1 slots
11. PCI Express 2.0 x16 slot (x4 mode)
12. Metal bracket lock

Refer to the bundled Quick Installation Guide for installing additional system components and get assistance from professionals when you disassemble or assemble the system.

1.5 Qualified Vendors Lists (QVL)

DDR3 1600 MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)		
								1 DIMM	2 DIMM	4 DIMM
A-DATA	AM2U16BC2P1	2GB	SS	A-DATA	3CCD-1509A EL1126T	-	-	•	•	•
A-DATA	AX3U1600XB2G79-2X(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-9-7-21	1.55V-1.75V	•	•	•
A-DATA	AM2U16BC4P2	4GB	DS	A-DATA	3CCD-1509A EL1126T	-	-	•	•	•
A-DATA	AX3U1600GC4G9-2G(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.55V-1.75V	•	•	•
A-DATA	AX3U1600XC4G79-2X(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-9-7-21	1.55V-1.75V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	TR3X3G1600C8D(XMP)	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	CMD12GX3M6A1600C8(XMP)	12GB(6x2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	CMP4GX3M2A1600C8(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	CMP4GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	•	•	•
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CORSAIR	TR3X6G1600C8 G(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1600C8D G(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1600C9 G(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	CMP8GX3M2A1600C9(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	CMZ8GX3M2A1600C7R(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-20	1.50V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	CMX8GX3M4A1600C9(XMP)	8GB(4 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.65V	•	•	•
Crucial	BL25664BN1608.16FF(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	-	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-2GBNQ(XMP)	2GB(2 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-4GBRH(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	7-7-7-24	1.6V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-4GBRM(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-24	1.6V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL8D-4GBRM(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.60V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-4GBECO(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	XMP 1.35V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-4GBRL(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9T-6GBNQ(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V~1.6V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL7D-8GBRH(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-8-7-24	1.6V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL8D-8GBECO(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	XMP 1.35V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-12800CL9D-8GBRL(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	•	•
GEIL	GET316GB1600C9QC(XMP)	16GB(4 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-28	1.6V	•	•	•
GEIL	GV34GB1600C8DC(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	8-8-8-28	1.6V	•	•	•
KINGMAX	FLGD45F-B8MF7 MAEH(XMP)	1GB	SS	-	-	7	-	•		
KINGMAX	FLGE85F-B8KJ9A FEIS(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	-	-	•	•	•
KINGMAX	FLGE85F-B8MF7 MEEH(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	7	-	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3P1K2/4G	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	-	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K3/12GX(XMP)	12GB(3x4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3T1BK3/ 12GX(XMP)	12GB(3x4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9AD3/2G	2GB	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1600D3N11/2G-ES	2GB	DS	KTC	D1288JPNDPLD9U	11-11-11-28	1.35V-1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C7D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C8D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C8D3T1K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3LK2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	XMP 1.35V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3X2K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3T1K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3T1BK3/6GX(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3K2/8GX(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-27	1.65V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1600C9D3P1K2/8G	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	-	1.5V	•	•	•
Super Talent	WA160UX6G9	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	-	•		
Transcend	JM1600KLN-8GK	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	Transcend	TK483PCW3	-	-	•	•	•
Asint	SLZ3128M8-EGJ1D(XMP)	2GB	DS	Asint	3128M8-GJ1D	9-9-9-24	1.6V	•	•	•
Elixir	M2P2G64CB8HC9N-DG(XMP)	2GB	DS	-	-	-	-	•	•	•
Mushkin	998659(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	-	•	•	•
Mushkin	998659(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5~1.6V	•	•	•
PATRIOT	PGS34G1600LLKA	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.7V	•	•	•

DDR3 1600 MHz memory frequency is only supported by Intel® Ivy Bridge processors.

DDR3 1333 MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)		
								1 DIMM	2 DIMM	4 DIMM
A-DATA	AD31333001GOU	1GB	SS	A-Data	AD30908C8D-151C E0906	-	-	•	•	•
A-DATA	AD3U1333C2G9	2GB	SS	A-DATA	3CCD-1509HNA1126L	-	-	•	•	•
A-DATA	AD63I1B0823EV	2GB	SS	A-Data	3CCA-1509A	-	-	•	•	•
A-DATA	AM2U139C2P1	2GB	SS	ADATA	3CCD-1509A EL1127T	-	-	•	•	•
A-DATA	AX3U1333C2G9-BP	2GB	SS	-	-	-	-	•	•	•
A-DATA	AD31333G001GOU	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65-1.85V		•	
A-DATA	AXDU1333GC2G9-2G(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.25V-1.35V(low voltage)	•	•	•
A-DATA	AD31333G002GMU	2GB	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.65-1.85V	•	•	
A-DATA	AD63I1C1624EV	4GB	DS	A-Data	3CCA-1509A	-	-	•	•	•
A-DATA	AM2U139C4P2	4GB	DS	ADATA	3CCD-1509A EL1127T	-	-	•	•	•
A-DATA	SU3U1333W8G9-B	8GB	DS	ELPIDA	J4208BASE-DJ-F	-	-	•	•	•
Apacer	78.A1GC6.9L1	2GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5808DEWSBG	-	-	•	•	•
Apacer	78.A1GC6.9L1	2GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5808FEQSBG	9	-	•	•	
Apacer	AU02GFA33C9NBGC	2GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5808APQSBG	-	-	•	•	•
Apacer	78.B1GDE.9L10C	4GB	DS	Apacer	AM5D5908CEHSBG	-	-	•	•	•
CORSAIR	CM3X1024-1333C9	1GB	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.60V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	TR3X3G1333C9 G	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.50V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	TR3X6G1333C9 G	6GB(3x 2GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.50V	•	•	
CORSAIR	CMD24GX3M6A1333C9(XMP)	24GB(6x4GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.60V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	TW3X4G1333C9D G	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.50V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	CM3X4GA1333C9N2	4GB	DS	CORSAIR	256MBDCJGELC0401136	9-9-9-24	-	•	•	•
CORSAIR	CMX4GX3M1A1333C9	4GB	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.50V	•	•	•
CORSAIR	CMD8GX3M4A1333C7	8GB(4 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.60V	•	•	•
Crucial	CT12864BA1339.8FF	1GB	SS	Micron	9FF22D9KPT	9	-	•	•	•
Crucial	CT25664BA1339.16FF	2GB	DS	Micron	9KF27D9KPT	9	-	•	•	•
Crucial	BL25664BN1337.16FF (XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-24	1.65V	•	•	•
ELPIDA	EBJ10UE8EDF0-DJ-F	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	•	•	•
ELPIDA	EBJ21UE8EDF0-DJ-F	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	•	•	
G.SKILL	F3-10600CL8D-2GBHK(XMP)	1GB	SS	G.SKILL	-	-	-	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-10600CL9D-2GBNQ	2GB(2 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-10666CL7T-3GBPK(XMP)	3GB(3 x 1GB)	SS	-	-	7-7-7-18	1.5~1.6V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-10666CL8D-4GBECO(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	XMP 1.35V	•	•	•
G.SKILL	F3-10666CL7T-6GBPK(XMP)	6GB(3 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-18	1.5~1.6V	•	•	
G.SKILL	F3-10666CL7D-8GBRH(XMP)	8GB(2 x 4GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-21	1.5V	•	•	•
GEIL	GV32GB1333C9DC	2GB(2 x 1GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	•	•
GEIL	GG34GB1333C9DC	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	GEIL	GL1L128M88BA12N	9-9-9-24	1.3V(low voltage)	•	•	•
GEIL	GV34GB1333C9DC	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	•	•
GEIL	GVP34GB1333C7DC	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7-7-7-24	1.5V	•	•	•
Hynix	HMT112U6TFR8A-H9	1GB	SS	Hynix	H5TC1G83TFRH9A	-	1.35V(low voltage)	•	•	•
Hynix	HMT325U6BFR8C-H9	2GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83BFRH9C	-	-	•	•	•
Hynix	HMT125U6TFR8A-H9	2GB	DS	Hynix	H5TC1G83TFRH9A	-	1.35V(low voltage)	•	•	•
Hynix	HMT351U6BFR8C-H9	4GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83BFRH9C	-	-	•	•	•
KINGMAX	FLFD45F-B8KL9 NAES	1GB	SS	KINGMAX	KKB8FNWBFGNX-27A	-	-	•	•	•
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-C8KF9 CAES	2GB	SS	KINGMAX	KFC8FMFXF-DXX-15A	-	-	•	•	•
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-C8KL9 NAES	2GB	SS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNLXF-DXX-15A	-	-	•	•	•
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-C8KM9 NAES	2GB	SS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNMXF-BXX-15A	-	-	•	•	•
KINGMAX	FLFE85F-B8KL9 NEES	2GB	DS	KINGMAX	KKB8FNWBFGNX-26A	-	-	•	•	•
KINGMAX	FLFF65F-C8KL9 NEES	4GB	DS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNLXF-DXX-15A	-	-	•	•	•
KINGMAX	FLFF65F-C8KM9 NEES	4GB	DS	KINGMAX	KFC8FNMXF-BXX-15A	-	-	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/1G(low profile)	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108BDBG-DJ-F	9	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G(low profile)	2GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFRH9C	9	-	•		
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3S8N9/2G-SP(low profile)	2GB	SS	ELPIDA	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	-	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G(low profile)	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BFBG-DJ-F	9	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G	2GB	DS	KTC	D1288JPNDPLD9U	9	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BDSE-DJ-F	9	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G-SP(low profile)	2GB	DS	KTC	D1288JEMFNGD9U	-	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/2G-SP(low profile)	2GB	DS	KINGSTON	D1288JPSFPGD9U	-	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KHX1333C7D3K2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	7	1.65V	•	•	
KINGSTON	KHX1333C9D3UK2/4GX(XMP)	4GB(2 x 2GB)	DS	-	-	9	XMP 1.25V	•	•	•

DDR3 1333 MHz capability (continued)

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)		
								1 DIMM	2 DIMM	4 DIMM
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G(low profile)	4GB	DS	ELPIDA	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	9	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G(low profile)	4GB	DS	ELPIDA	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	-	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G	4GB	DS	KTC	D2568JENCNGD9U	-	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G	4GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFR	-	-	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1333D3N9/4G-SP(low profile)	4GB	DS	KINGSTON	D2568JENCPGD9U	-	1.5V	•	•	•
Micron	MT4JTF12864AZ-1G4D1	1GB	SS	Micron	OJD12D9LGQ	-	-		•	
Micron	MT8JTF12864AZ-1G4F1	1GB	SS	Micron	9FF22D9KPT	9	-	•	•	•
Micron	MT8JTF25664AZ-1G4D1	2GB	SS	Micron	OJD12D9LGK	-	-	•	•	
Micron	MT8JTF25664AZ-1G4M1	2GB	SS	MICRON	IJM22 D9PFJ	-	-	•	•	•
Micron	MT16JTF25664AZ-1G4F1	2GB	DS	Micron	9KF27D9KPT	9	-	•	•	•
Micron	MT16JTF51264AZ-1G4D1	4GB	DS	Micron	OLD22D9LGK	-	-	•	•	•
NANYA	NT4GC64B8HG0NF-CG	4GB	DS	NANYA	NT5CB256M8GN-CG	-	-	•	•	•
PSC	AL7F8G73F-DJ2	1GB	SS	PSC	A3P1GF3FGF	-	-	•	•	•
PSC	AL8F8G73F-DJ2	2GB	DS	PSC	A3P1GF3FGF	-	-	•	•	•
SAMSUNG	M378B2873FHS-CH9	1GB	SS	SAMSUNG	K4B1G0846F	-	-	•	•	•
SAMSUNG	M378B5773DH0-CH9	2GB	SS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846D	-	-	•	•	•
SAMSUNG	M378B5673FH0-CH9	2GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B1G0846F	-	-	•	•	•
SAMSUNG	M378B5273CH0-CH9	4GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846C	-	-	•	•	•
SAMSUNG	M378B1G73AH0-CH9	8GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B4G0846A-HCH9	-	-	•		
Super Talent	W1333UA1GH	1GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ1G83TFR	9	-	•	•	•
Super Talent	W1333UX2G8(XMP)	2GB(2x 1GB)	SS	-	-	8	-	•		
Super Talent	W1333UB2GS	2GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B1G0846F	9	-	•	•	•
Super Talent	W1333UB4GS	4GB	DS	SAMSUNG	K4B2G0846C	-	-	•	•	•
Super Talent	W1333UX6GM	6GB(3x 2GB)	DS	Micron	0BF27D9KPT	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	•	•
Transcend	JM1333KLN-2G	2GB	SS	Micron	0YD77D9LGK	-	-	•	•	•
Transcend	JM1333KLN-2G	2GB	SS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83BZRH9C	-	-	•	•	•
Transcend	JM1333KLU-2G	2GB	DS	Transcend	TK243PDF3	-	-	•	•	
Transcend	TS256MLK64V3U	2GB	DS	Micron	9GF27D9KPT	-	-	•	•	
Century	PC3-10600 DDR3-1333 9-9-9	1GB	SS	NANYA	NT5CB128M8DN-CF	-	-	•	•	•
Elixir	M2F2G64CB88B7N-CG	2GB	SS	Elixir	N2CB2G80BN-CG	-	-	•	•	
Elixir	M2F2G64CB88D7N-CG	2GB	SS	Elixir	N2CB2G80DN-CG	-	-	•	•	
Elixir	M2F2G64CB88G7N-CG	2GB	SS	Elixir	N2CB2G80GN-CG	-	-	•	•	•
Elixir	M2F4G64CB8HB5N-CG	4GB	DS	Elixir	N2CB2G80BN-CG	-	-	•	•	•
Elixir	M2F4G64CB8HD5N-CG	4GB	DS	Elixir	N2CB2G80DN-CG	-	-	•	•	
KINGSHARE	KSRPCD313332G	2GB	DS	PATRIOT	PM128M8D385-15	-	-	•	•	•
KINGSTEK	KSTD3PC-10600	2GB	SS	MICRON	PE911-125E	-	-	•	•	•
Kingtiger	2GB DIMM PC3-10666	2GB	DS	SAMSUNG	SEC 904 HCH9 K4B1G0846D	-	-	•	•	•
Kingtiger	KTG2G1333PG3	2GB	DS	-	-	-	-	•	•	•
MARKVISION	BMD32048M1333C9-1123	2GB	DS	MARKVISION	M3D1288P-13	-	-	•	•	•
MARKVISION	BMD34096M1333C9-1124	4GB	DS	MARKVISION	M3D2568E-13	-	-	•	•	•
PATRIOT	PSD31G13332H	1GB	DS	-	-	9	-	•	•	
PATRIOT	PSD31G13332	1GB	DS	PATRIOT	PM64M8D38U-15	-	-	•	•	•
PATRIOT	PSD32G13332H	2GB	DS	-	-	-	-	•	•	•
PATRIOT	PG38G1333EL(XMP)	8GB	DS	-	-	9-9-9-24	1.5V	•	•	
RAMAXEL	RMR1870ED48E8F-1333	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BDBG-DJ-F	-	-	•	•	•
RAMAXEL	RMR1870EC58E9F-1333	4GB	DS	ELPIDA	J2108BCSE-DJ-F	-	-	•	•	•
RiDATA	E304459CB1AG32Cf	4GB	DS	RiDATA	N/A	9	-	•	•	•
SILICON POWER	SP001GBLTU133S01	1GB	SS	NANYA	NT5CB128M8AN-CG	9	-	•	•	•
SILICON POWER	SP001GBLTU133S02	1GB	SS	Elixir	N2CB1680AN-C6	9	-	•	•	•
SILICON POWER	SP002GBLTU133S02	2GB	DS	Elixir	N2CB1680AN-C6	9	-	•	•	•
TAKEMS	TMS1GB364D081-107EY	1GB	SS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.5V	•	•	
TAKEMS	TMS1GB364D081-138EY	1GB	SS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.5V	•	•	
TAKEMS	TMS2GB364D081-107EY	2GB	DS	-	-	7-7-7-20	1.5V	•	•	
TAKEMS	TMS2GB364D081-138EY	2GB	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.5V	•	•	
TAKEMS	TMS2GB364D082-138EW	2GB	DS	-	-	8-8-8-24	1.5V	•	•	
UMAX	E41302GP0-73BDB	2GB	DS	UMAX	U2S24D30TP-13	-	-	•	•	•
WINTEC	3WVS31333-2G-CNR	2GB	DS	AMPO	AM3420803-13H	-	-	•	•	•

DDR3 1066 MHz capability

Vendors	Part No.	Size	SS/ DS	Chip Brand	Chip NO.	Timing	Voltage	DIMM socket support (Optional)		
								1 DIMM	2 DIMM	4 DIMM
Crucial	CT12864BA1067.8FF	1GB	SS	Micron	9GF22D9KPT	7	-	•	•	•
Crucial	CT25664BA1067.16FF	2GB	DS	Micron	9HF22D9KPT	7	-	•	•	•
ELPIDA	EBJ10UE8EDF0-AE-F	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	•	•	•
ELPIDA	EBJ21UE8EDF0-AE-F	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108EDSE-DJ-F	-	1.35V(low voltage)	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1066D3N7/1G(low profile)	1GB	SS	ELPIDA	J1108BFSE-DJ-F	7	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1066D3N7/2G	2GB	DS	ELPIDA	J1108BDSE-DJ-F	7	1.5V	•	•	•
KINGSTON	KVR1066D3N7/4G	4GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ2G83AFR	7	1.5V	•	•	•
Micron	MT8JTF12864AZ-1G1F1	1GB	SS	Micron	9GF22D9KPT	7	-	•	•	•
Micron	MT16JTF25664AZ-1G1F1	2GB	DS	Micron	9HF22D9KPT	7	-	•	•	•
Kingtiger	2GB DIMM PC3-8500	2GB	DS	Hynix	H5TQ1G83AFP G7C	-	-	•	•	•

SS: Single-sided / DS: Double-sided

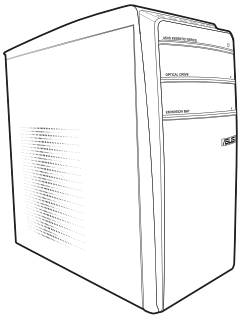
DIMM support:

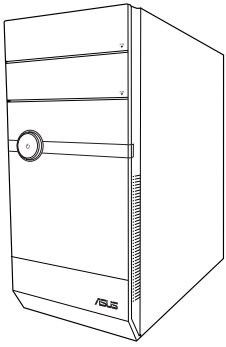
- **1 DIMM:** Supports one module inserted into any slot as single-channel memory configuration.
- **2 DIMMs:** Supports one pair of modules inserted into either the blue slots or the black slots as one pair of a dual-channel memory configuration.
- **4 DIMMs:** Supports two pairs of modules inserted into both the blue slots and the black slots as two pairs of dual-channel memory configuration.

Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com for the latest QVLs.

Chapter 2

This chapter provides an overview of booting up for the first time and installing drivers and utilities from the support DVD.





Starting up

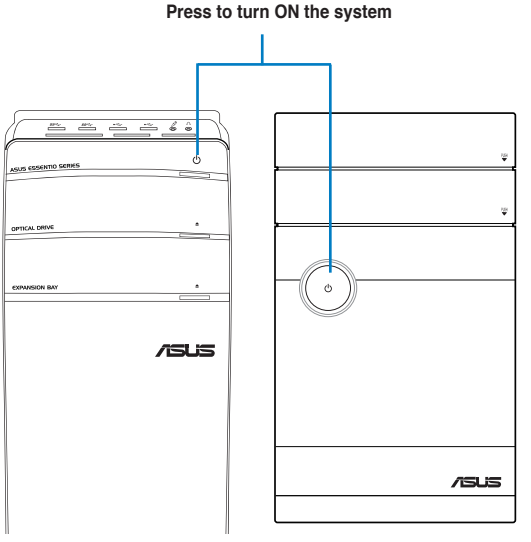
2.1 Installing an operating system

The barebone system supports Windows® 7 operating systems (OS). Always install the latest OS version and corresponding updates so you can maximize the features of your hardware.

Motherboard settings and hardware options vary. Use the setup procedures presented in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

2.2 Powering up

Press the system power button (⏻) to enter the OS.



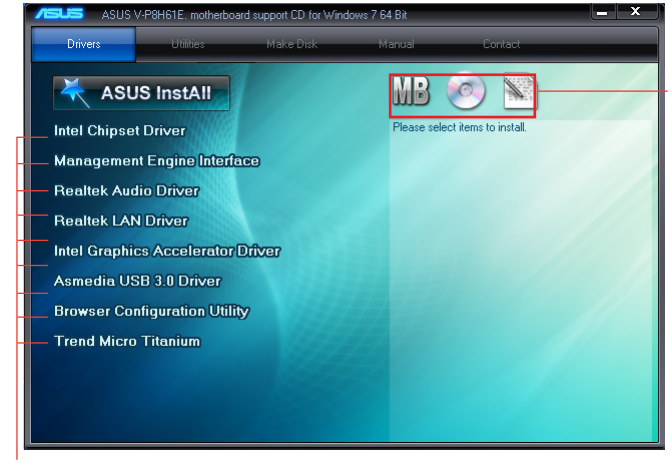
2.3 Support DVD information

The support DVD that came with the system contains useful software and several utility drivers that enhance the system features.

- Screen display and driver options may not be the same for different operating system versions.
- The contents of the support DVD are subject to change at any time without notice. Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com for updates.

2.3.1 Running the support DVD

To begin using the support DVD, place the DVD in your optical drive. The DVD automatically displays the Drivers menu if Autorun is enabled on your computer.



If Autorun is NOT enabled in your computer, browse the contents of the support DVD to locate the file ASSETUP.EXE from the BIN folder. Double-click the ASSETUP.EXE to run the DVD.

ASUS InstAll

Launches the ASUS InstAll driver installation wizard.

Intel Chipset Driver

Installs the Intel Chipset driver.

Realtek Audio Driver

Installs the Realtek audio driver and application.

Intel Graphics Accelerator Driver

Installs the Intel® Graphics Accelerator Driver.

Realtek LAN Driver

Installs the Realtek LAN Driver.

Management Engine Interface

Installs the Management Engine Interface.

USB 3.0 Driver

Installs the USB 3.0 driver.

Trend Micro Titanium

Installs Trend Micro Titanium.

2.3.2 Utilities menu

The Utilities menu shows the applications that the motherboard supports.

ASUS InstAll

Installs all the utilities through the Installation Wizard.

ASUS AI Manager

Installs ASUS AI Manager.

Adobe Reader X

Installs the Adobe® Reader X that allows you to open, view, and print documents in Portable Document Format (PDF).

ASUS Easy Update

Installs ASUS Easy Update utility.

ASUS WebStorage

Installs the ASUS WebStorage utility.

ASUS Vibe

Installs the ASUS Vibe utility.

ASUS Ai Charger

Installs the ASUS Ai Charger utility to quickly charge your iPhone/iPad/iPod products through the USB ports.

ASUS AI Suite II

Installs the ASUS AI Suite II.

2.3.3 Make Disk menu

The Make disk menu allows you to make an AHCI/RAID driver disk.

2.3.4 Manual menu

The Manual menu contains the list of supplementary user manuals. Click an item to open the folder of the user manual.

Most user manuals are in Portable Document Format (PDF). Install Adobe® Reader from the Utilities menu before opening a user manual.

2.3.5 ASUS Contact information

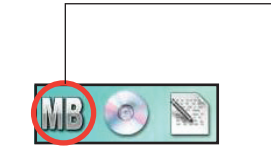
Click the Contact tab to display the ASUS contact information. You can also find this information on the inside front cover of this user guide.

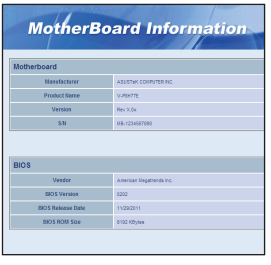
2.3.6 Other information

The icons on the top right corner of the screen give additional information on the motherboard and the contents of the support DVD. Click an icon to display the specified information.

Motherboard Info

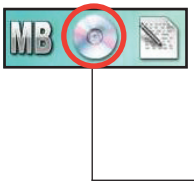
Displays the general specifications of the motherboard.

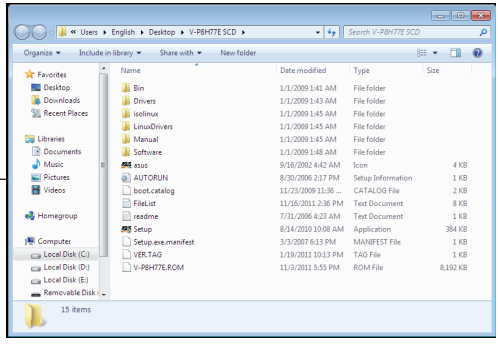




Browse this DVD

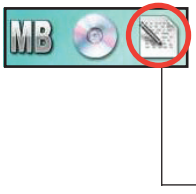
Displays the support DVD contents in graphical format.

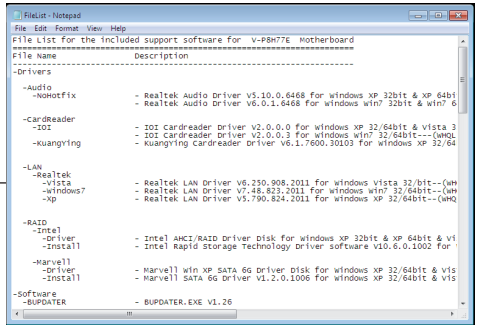




Filelist

Displays the contents of the support DVD and a brief description of each in text format.





2.4 Software information

Most of the applications in the support DVD have wizards that will conveniently guide you through the installation. View the online help or readme file that came with the software for more information.

2.4.1 AI Suite II

ASUS AI Suite II is an all-in-one interface that integrates several ASUS utilities and allows users to launch and operate these utilities simultaneously.

Installing AI Suite II

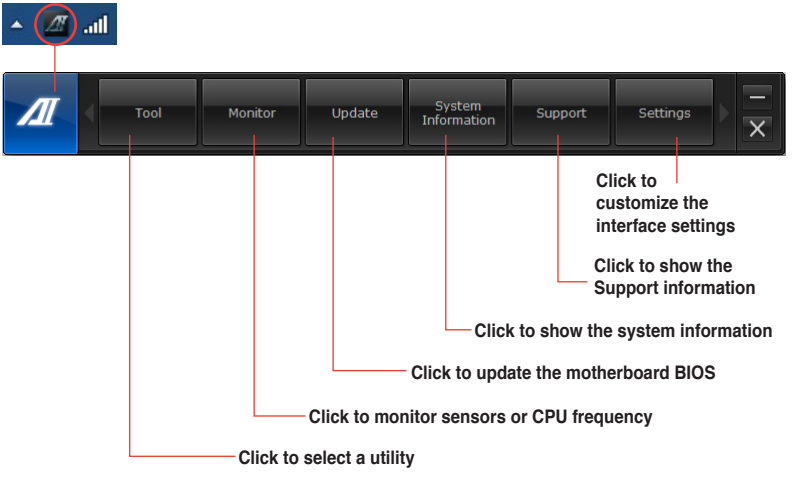
To install AI Suite II:

1. Place the support DVD in the optical drive. The Drivers installation tab appears if your computer has enabled the Autorun feature.
2. Click the **Utilities** tab, then click **ASUS AI Suite II.**
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation.

Using AI Suite II

AI Suite II automatically starts when you enter the Windows® operating system (OS). The AI Suite II icon appears in the Windows® notification area. Click the icon to open the AI Suite II main menu bar.

Click each button to select and launch a utility, to monitor the system, to update the motherboard BIOS, to display the system information, and to customize the settings of AI Suite II.

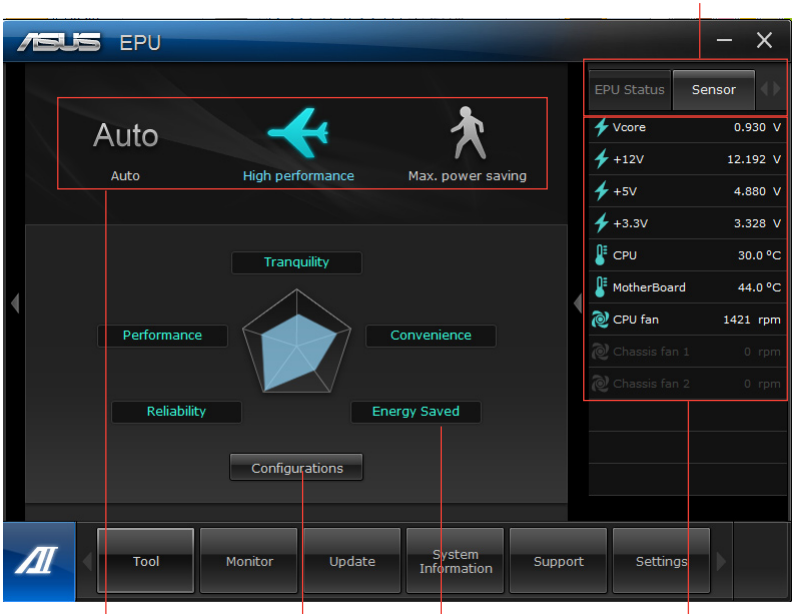


EPU

EPU is an energy-efficient tool that satisfies different computing needs. This utility provides several modes that you can select to save system power. Selecting Auto mode will have the system shift modes automatically according to current system status.

Launching EPU

After installing AI Suite II from the support DVD, launch EPU by clicking **Tool > EPU** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.



Probe II

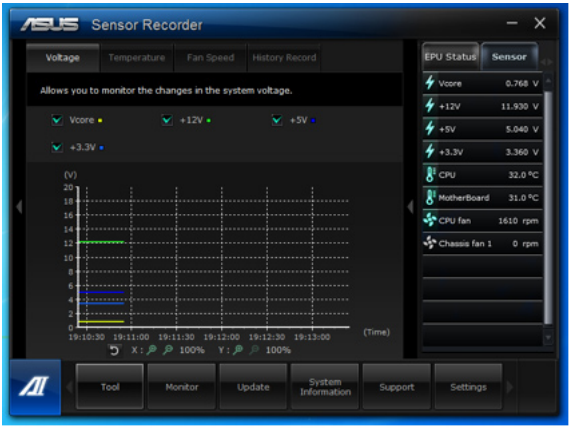
Probe II is a utility that monitors the computer's vital components, and detects and alerts you of any problem with these components. Probe II monitors fan rotations, CPU temperature, and system voltages, among others. With this utility, you are assured that your computer is always in a healthy working condition.

Launching Probe II

After installing AI Suite II from the support DVD, launch Probe II by clicking **Tool** > **Probe II** on the AI Suite II main menu bar.

Configuring Probe II

Click the **Voltage/Temperature/Fan Speed** tabs to activate the sensors or to adjust the sensor threshold values. The **Preference** tab allows you to customize the time interval of sensor alerts, or change the temperature unit.



Sensor Recorder

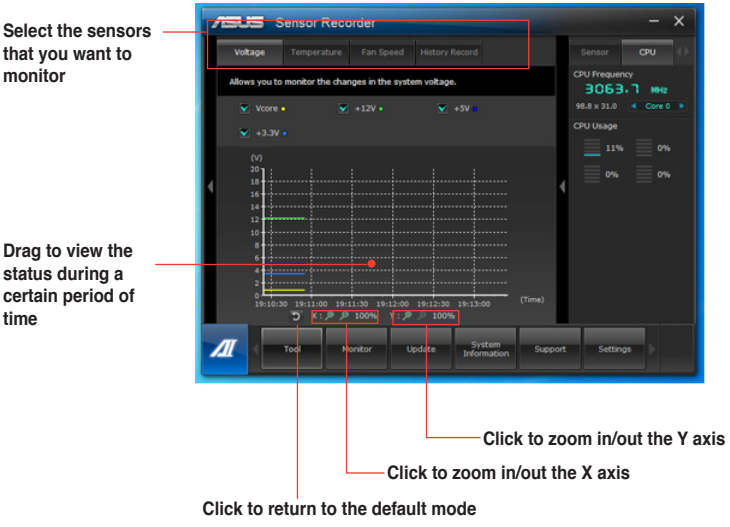
Sensor Recorder allows you to monitor the changes in the system voltage, temperature, and fan speed, as well as recording the changes.

Launching Sensor Recorder

After installing AI Suite II from the support DVD, **click Tool** > **Sensor Recorder** on the AI Suite II main menu bar to launch Sensor Recorder.

Configuring Sensor Recorder

Click the **Voltage/Temperature/Fan Speed** tabs and select the sensors that you want to monitor. The **History Record** tab allows you to record the changes in the sensors that you enable.

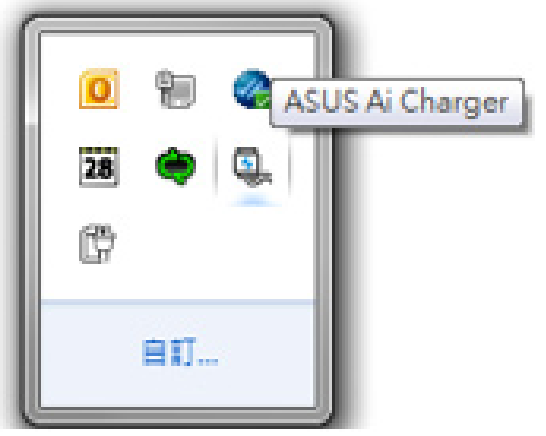


Ai Charger

Ai Charger is a unique software that allows you to quickly charge your Apple devices such as iPod, iPhone, and iPad on your ASUS computer's USB 2.0 / USB 3.0 port.

- There are no configuration screens for Ai Charger. After installation, the Ai Charger icon appears on the Windows® taskbar.
- The Ai Charger icon will be displayed on the taskbar if an Apple device is connected to your computer's USB port.
- Your Apple device can only be detected if the Apple USB driver is properly installed.

- The current Apple devices only support USB 2.0 performance. Even when you plug your Apple device into a USB 3.0 port, the maximum charging rate is still 500mA, which is the USB 2.0 maximum charging rate. Ai Charger can increase this limit to 700 mA~900mA.
- There is no BIOS, hardware, or chipset requirement for Ai Charger.



Monitor

Click Monitor on the toolbar to quickly launch the Sensor and CPU Frequency screens.

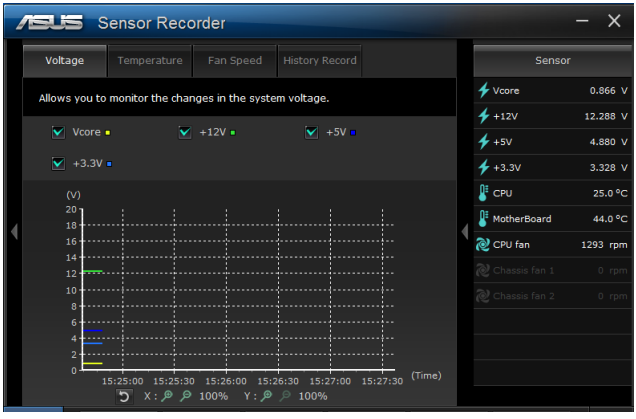
Sensor

The Sensor panel displays the current value of a system sensor such as fan rotation, CPU temperature, and voltages. Click **Monitor > Sensor** on the AI Suite II main menu bar to launch the Sensor panel.

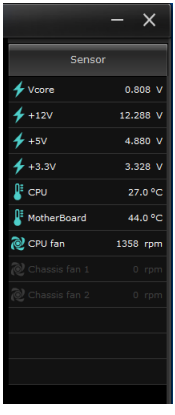
CPU Frequency

The CPU Frequency panel displays the current CPU frequency and CPU usage. Click **Monitor > CPU Frequency** on the AI Suite II main menu bar to open the CPU Frequency panel.

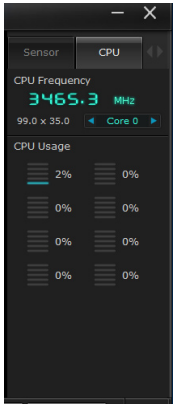
Resident in the right pane (system information area)



Sensor panel



CPU Frequency panel



Update

The Update section allows you to update the motherboard BIOS and the BIOS boot logo with the ASUS designed update utilities.

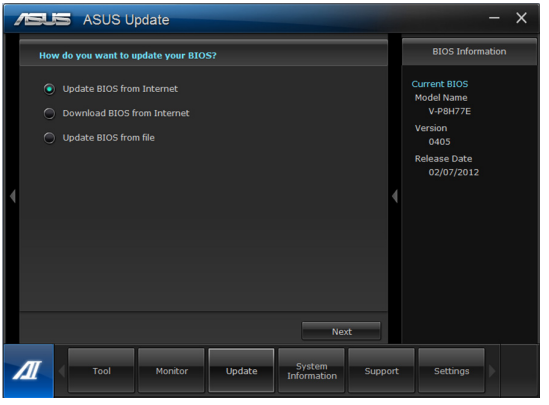
ASUS Update

The ASUS Update is a utility that allows you to manage, save, and update the motherboard BIOS in Windows® OS. The ASUS Update utility allows you to update the BIOS directly from the Internet, download the latest BIOS file from the Internet, update the BIOS from an updated BIOS file, save the current BIOS file or view the BIOS version information.

Updating the BIOS through the Internet

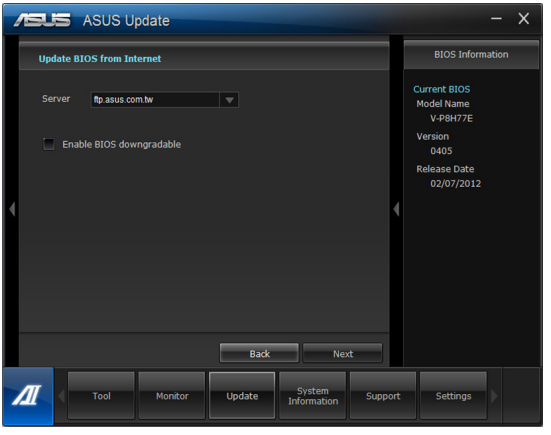
To update the BIOS through the Internet:

1. From the ASUS Update screen, select **Update BIOS from Internet**, and then click **Next**.



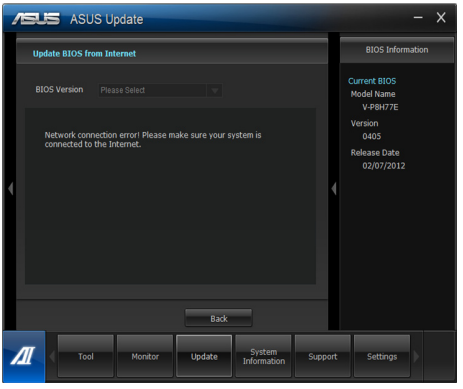
2. Select the ASUS FTP site nearest you to avoid network traffic.

   If you want to enable the BIOS downgradable function and auto BIOS backup function, mark the box for **Enable BIOS downgradeable.**



3. Select the BIOS version that you want to download. Click **Next**.

   When an updated version is not available, the current BIOS will be displayed on the right panel.



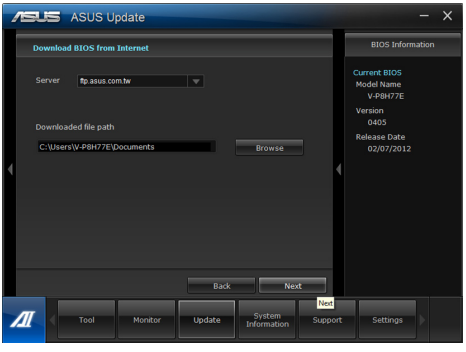
Downloading the BIOS from the Internet

To download the BIOS from the Internet:

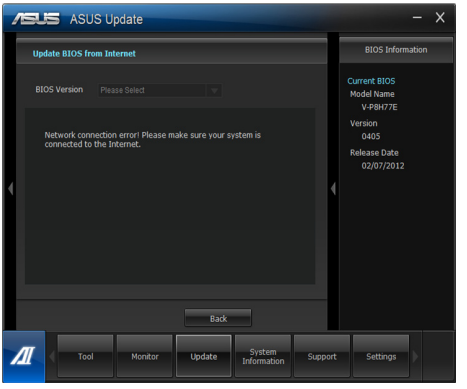
1. From the ASUS Update screen, select **Download BIOS from Internet**, and then click **Next**.

2. Select the ASUS FTP site nearest you to avoid network traffic. Type or browse for the location where you want the BIOS file to be downloaded.

   Click **Next**.



3. Select the BIOS version that you want to download, and click **Next**. Click **Finish** to complete the process.



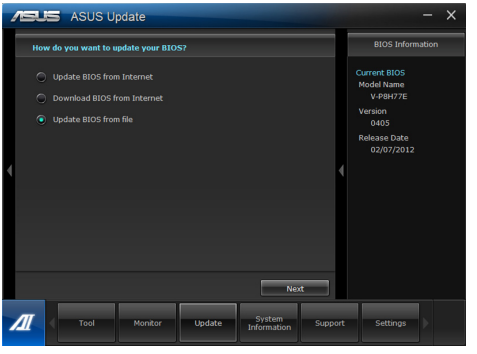
4. You can decide whether to change the BIOS boot logo, which is the image appearing on screen during the Power-On Self-Tests (POST). Click **Yes** if you want to change the boot logo or **No** to continue.

5. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the update process.

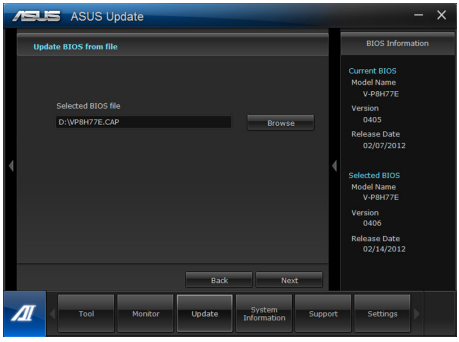
Updating the BIOS through a BIOS file

To update the BIOS through a BIOS file:

1. From the ASUS Update screen, select **Update BIOS from file**, and then click **Next**.



2. Locate the BIOS file, click **Open**, and click **Next**.



3. Click **Yes** if you want to change the boot logo or **No** to continue.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the update process.

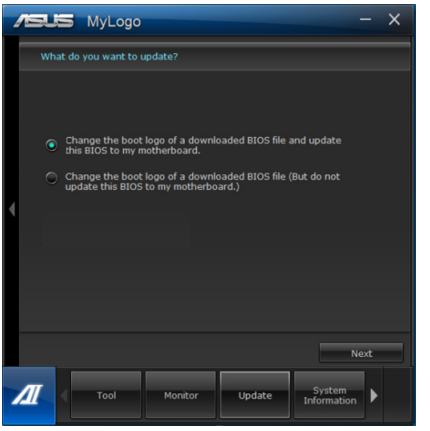
ASUS MyLogo

The ASUS MyLogo utility lets you customize the boot logo. The boot logo is the image that appears on screen during the Power-On Self-Tests (POST). ASUS MyLogo is automatically installed when you install the ASUS Update utility from the Support DVD.

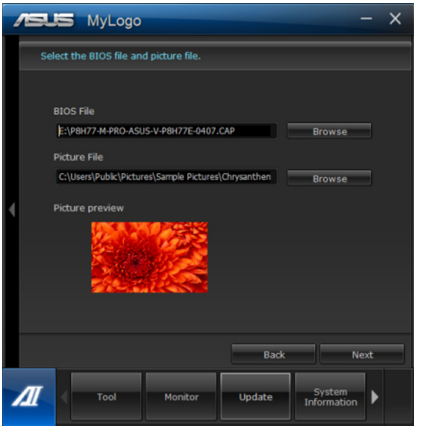
- Obtain the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.
- You can create your own boot logo image in GIF file format.

Changing the Boot Logo and updating the BIOS to the motherboard:

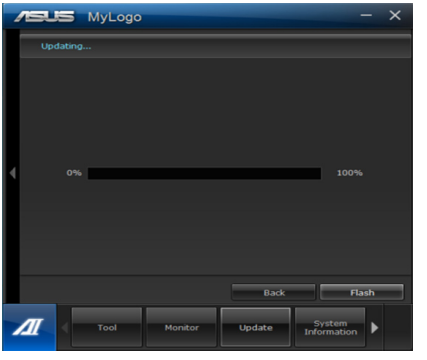
1. From the ASUS Update screen, select **MyLogo**, and then click **Next**.
2. Select **Change the BIOS boot logo of my motherboard**, then click **Next**.



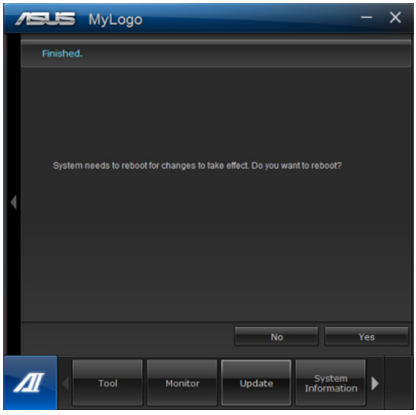
3. Locate the picture that you want to use as your BIOS boot logo, then click **Next**.



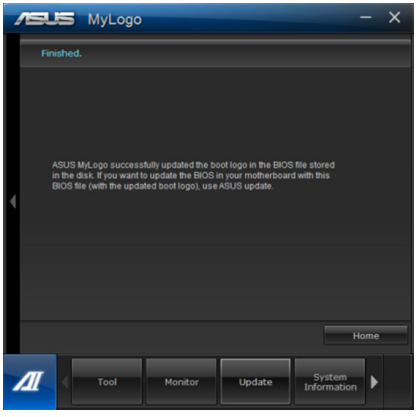
4. The system starts updating the BIOS and loading the new boot logo.



5. Click **Yes** to reboot the system for the changes to take effect.

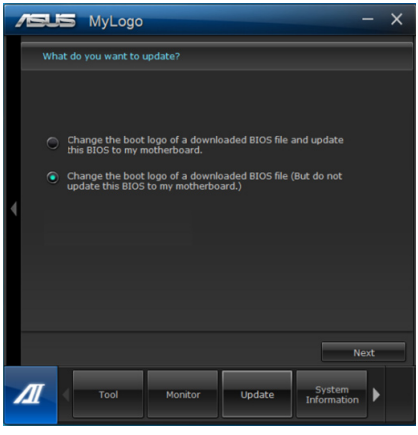


6. Once finished, you can click **Home** to return to the utility main screen or exit from the application.

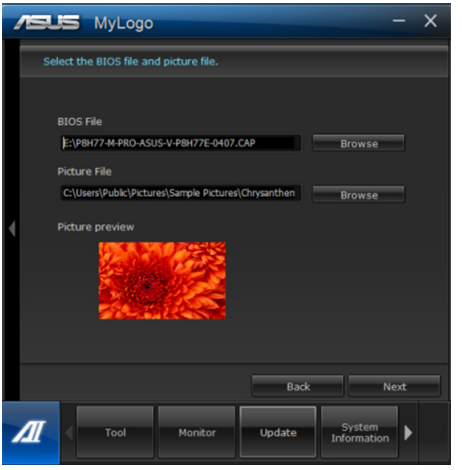


Changing the Boot Logo of a downloaded BIOS file:

1. From the ASUS Update screen, select **MyLogo**, and then click **Next**.
2. Select **Change the boot logo of a downloaded BIOS file (But do not update this BIOS to my motherboard).**



3. Locate the picture that you want to use as your BIOS boot logo, then click **Next**.



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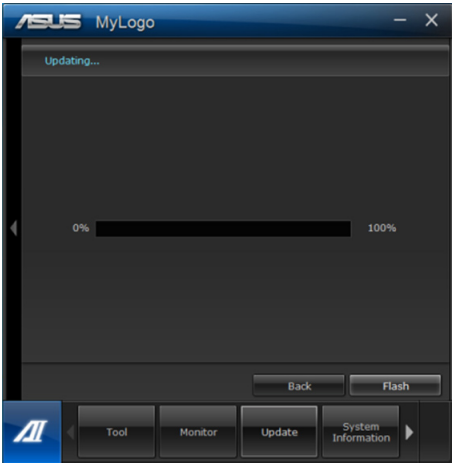

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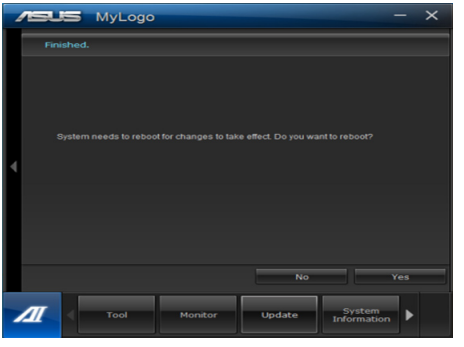
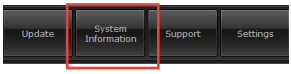
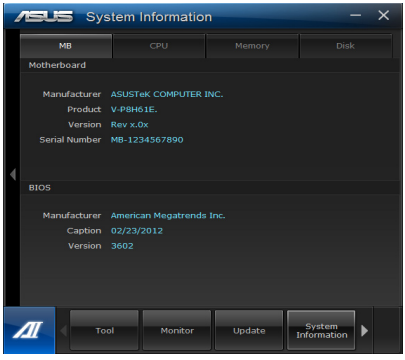


System Information

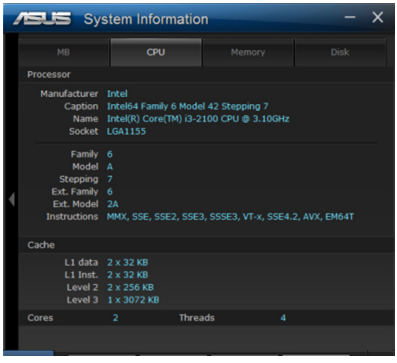
The System Information section displays the information about the motherboard, CPU and memory slots and disks.



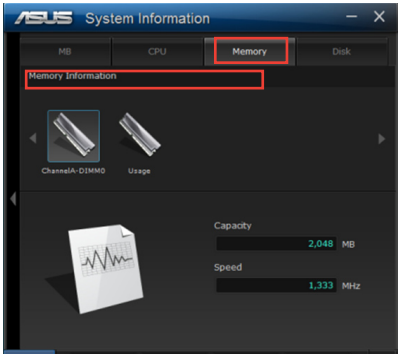
- Click the **MB** tab to see the details on the motherboard manufacturer, product name, version, and BIOS.



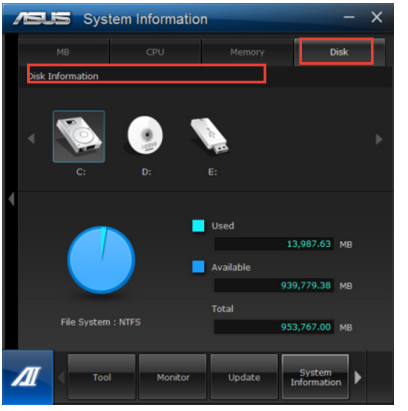
- Click the **CPU** tab to see the details on the processor and the Cache.



- Click the **Memory** tab and then select the memory slot to see the details on the memory module installed on the corresponding slot.



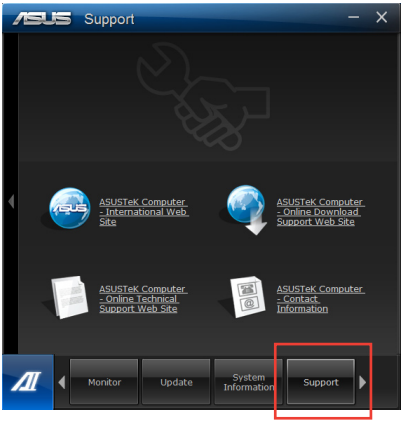
- Click the **Disk** tab and then select the disk volume to see the details in the disks installed in the system.



Support

The Support section displays ASUS support information.

- Click the arrow controls on the bottom panel to scroll to the right. Click **Support**.

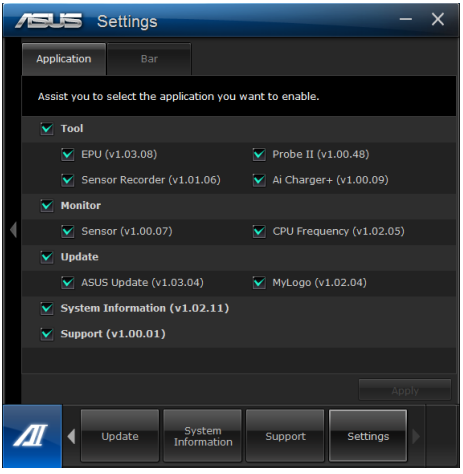


Settings

The Settings section allows you to customize the main menu bar and the interface appearance.

- Click the arrow controls on the bottom panel to scroll to the right to display the **Settings** button. Click **Settings**.

  Switch to the **Bar** tab to modify toolbar settings.



2.4.2 ASUS AI Manager

ASUS AI Manager is a utility that gives you quick and easy access to frequently-used applications.

Installing AI Manager

To install AI Manager on your computer:

1. Place the support DVD in the optical drive. If Autorun is enabled, the Drivers installation wizard appears.

If Autorun is not enabled in your computer, locate the setup.exe file from the ASUS AI Manager folder in the support DVD. Double-click the setup.exe file to start installation.

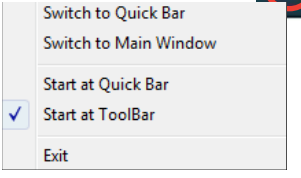
2. Click the **Utilities** tab, then click **ASUS AI Manager**.
3. Follow the screen instructions to complete the installation.

Launching AI Manager

To launch the AI Manager from the Windows® desktop, click **Start > All Programs > ASUS > AI Manager 1.xx.xx > AI Manager**. The AI Manager quick bar appears on the desktop.

After launching the application, the AI Manager icon appears in the Windows® taskbar.

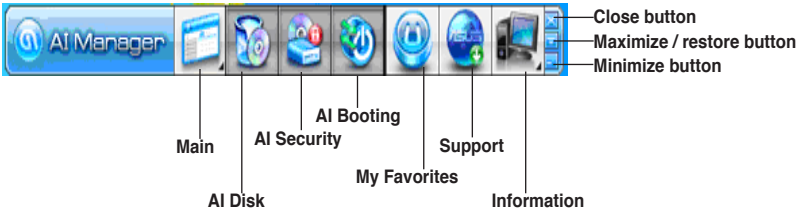
Right-click this icon to switch between quick bar and main window, and to launch the AI Manager either from the quick bar or taskbar.



AI Manager quick bar

The AI Manager quick bar conserves desktop space and allows you to launch the ASUS utilities or display system information easily. Click the **Main**, **My Favorites**, **Support** or **Information** tab to display the menu's contents.

Click the Maximize/restore button to switch between full window and quick bar. Click the Minimize button to keep the AI Manager on the taskbar. Click the Close button to quit the AI Manager.



Main

The Main menu contains two utilities: **AI Disk** and **AI Security**. Click the arrow on the Main menu icon to browse through the utilities in the main menu.

AI Disk

AI Disk allows you to easily clear temporary IE files, IE cookies, IE URLs, IE history, or the Recycle Bin. Click the AI Disk icon on the quick bar to display the full AI Disk window and select the items you want to clear. Click **Apply** when done.

AI Security

AI Security enables you to set a password to secure your devices, such as USB flash disks and CD/DVD disks, from unauthorized access.

To lock a device:

1. When using AI Security for the first time, you are asked to set a password. Enter a password with a maximum of 20 alphanumeric characters.
2. Confirm the password.
3. Key in the password hint (recommended).
4. When done, click **Ok**.
5. Select the device you want to lock, then click **Apply**.
6. Key in the password you have set previously, then click **Ok**. The selected device is locked and not accessible.

To unlock the selected device:

1. Clear the checkbox of the selected device, then click **Apply**.
2. Key in the password you have set previously, then click **Ok**. The selected device is unlocked.

To change password:

Click **Change Password**, then follow the on-screen instructions to change password.

AI Booting

AI Booting allows you to specify the boot device priority sequence.

To specify the boot sequence:

1. Select a device, then click on the left/right button to specify the boot sequence.
2. When done, press Apply.

My Favorites

My Favorites allows you to add applications that you frequently use, saving you from searching for the applications throughout your computer.

To add an application:

1. Click **Add**, then locate the application you want to add to **My Favorites**.
2. Click **Open** on the file location window. The application is added to **My Favorites** list.

Right click on the application icon to launch, delete, or rename the selected application. You can also double click to launch the selected application.

Support

Click any links on the **Support** window to go to the ASUS website, technical support website, download support website, or contact information.

Information

The **Information** menu displays general information about your system, motherboard, CPU, BIOS, memory, and other hardware components.

2.4.3 ASUS Webstorage

ASUS webstorage is designed to help you retrieve your data from your notebooks, smartphones or tablets wherever there is internet connection.

Installing webstorage

To install webstorage:

Place the support DVD in the optical drive. Double-click the setup.exe file from the ASUS WebStorage folder in the Software folder in the support DVD.

Launching Webstorage

To launch the WebStorage from the Windows® desktop, click **Start > All Programs > ASUS > Webstorage**. The webstorage quick bar appears in the Windows® taskbar. Right-click this icon to switch between the quick bar and the main window.

Drive

Allows you to retrieve all your backups, synced files, share groups and password protected data. Right-click the mouse to preview files before downloading or generating a URL for sharing files.

Backup

To backup your most important data: Set a backup schedule with cloud storage as your preference; or select “Auto Backup” for a complete data backup.

MySyncFolder

Store updated files to MySyncFolder for easy access and share all types of files without the limitations of location or device.

Calendar

ASUS WebStorage automatically syncs calendar events across your PCs, helping you track appointments and events no matter which PC you use.

BookmarkSyncer

BookmarkSyncer keeps your browser preferences and bookmarks synchronized across all your PCs.

MobileApp

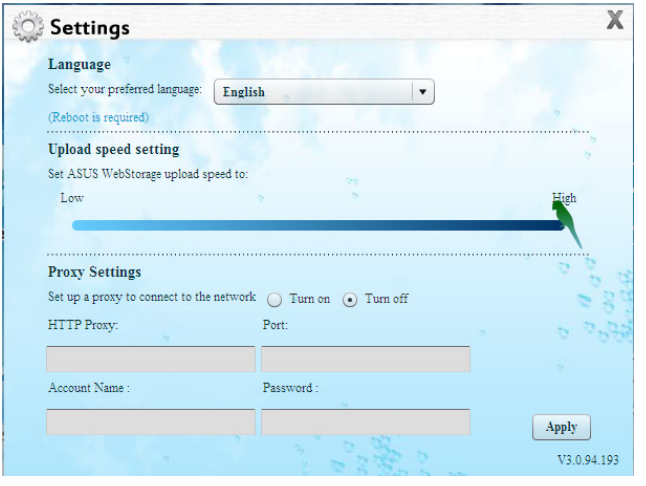
ASUS WebStorage mobile applications sync your files between multiple devices. It also supports video transcoding that allows you to preview and stream files and multimedia to your mobile phone.

Go to Web

Experience secure cloud service through ASUS WebStorage without the risk of losing data.

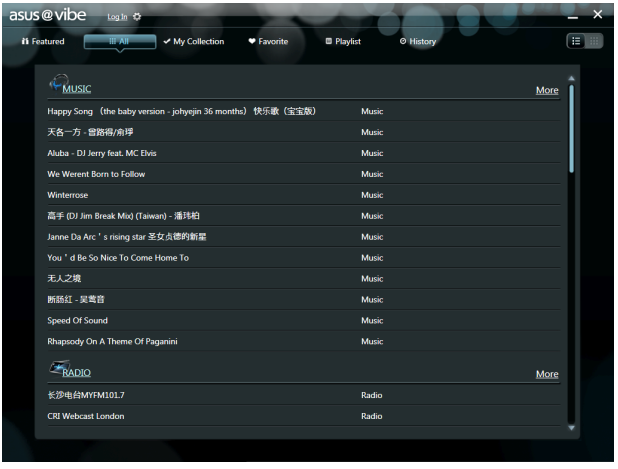
Settings

1. Click the **Settings** icon .
2. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete setup.



2.4.4 ASUS @ Vibe

ASUS @Vibe is a one-stop, preinstalled repository that provides access to a wide variety of content including music, videos, radio stations, games, magazines, e-books, e-learning materials, and Live TV.



Gaming

Enjoy one-hour free acess to a huge range of games including releases exclusive only to ASUS users.

Learning

Select online learning courses for elementary, junior, and graduate levels.

Magazines

Read popular publications, all in high-resolution and fully accessible online!

Music

Enjoy a wide variety of music tracks - from hip hop, top 40, classical and more, with new songs constantly added.

Radio

Tune in instantly to hundreds of diverse local and international radio stations.

Books

Browse and read over half a million titles online.

Live TV

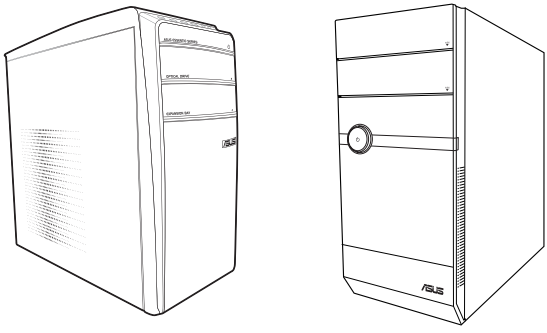
Watch popular series on your PC through ASUS@Vibe, from classics to the latest shows.

Video

Access an entire library of videos.

Chapter 3

This chapter provides details about the motherboard that comes with the system. This chapter includes the motherboard layout, jumper settings, and connector locations.

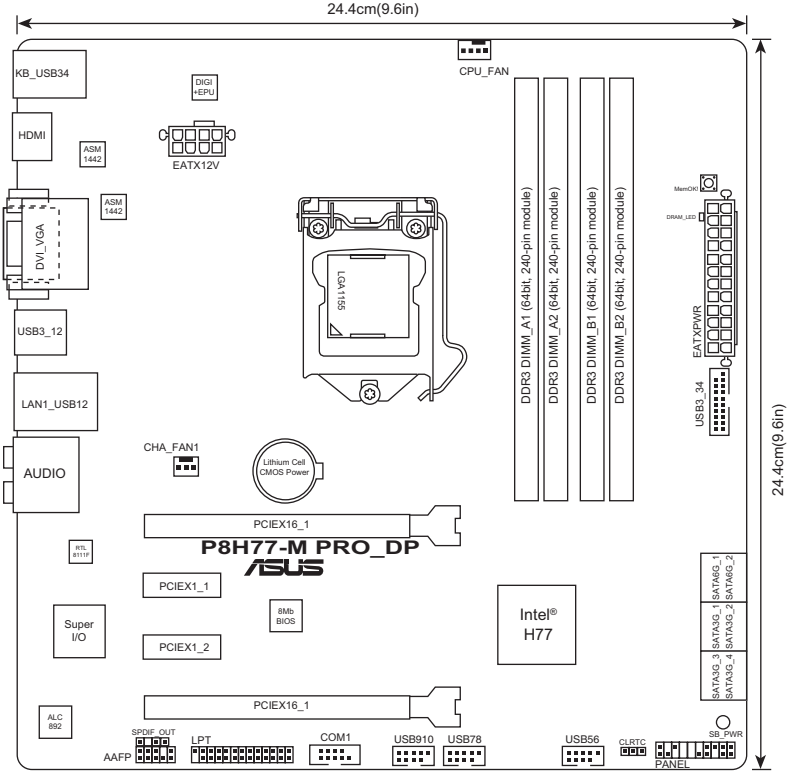


Motherboard info

3.1 Introduction

The Vintage V-P8H77E barebone system comes with an ASUS motherboard. This chapter provides technical information about the motherboard for future upgrades or system reconfiguration.

3.2 Motherboard layout



3.3 Jumper

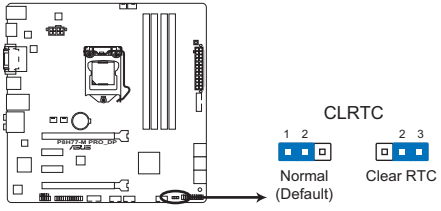
Clear RTC RAM (3-pin CLRTC)

This jumper allows you to clear the Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM in CMOS. You can clear the CMOS memory of date, time, and system setup parameters by erasing the CMOS RTC RAM data. The onboard button cell battery powers the RAM data in CMOS, which include system setup information such as system passwords.

To erase the RTC RAM:

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Move the jumper cap from pins 1-2 (default) to pins 2-3. Keep the cap on pins 2-3 for about 5-10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1-2.
3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
4. Hold down the **<Del>** key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.

Except when clearing the RTC RAM, never remove the cap on CLRTC jumper default position. Removing the cap will cause system boot failure!



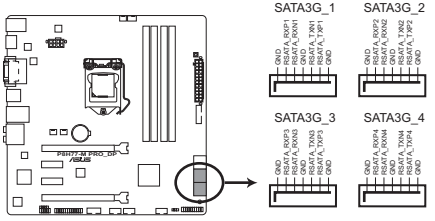
P8H77-M PRO_DP Clear RTC RAM

- If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard battery and move the jumper again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After clearing the CMOS, reinstall the battery.
- You do not need to clear the RTC when the system hangs due to overclocking. For system failure due to overclocking, use the CPU Parameter Recall (C.P.R.) feature. Shut down and reboot the system, then the BIOS automatically resets parameter settings to default values.

3.4 Connectors

1. Intel® H77 Serial ATA 3.0Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA3G_1~4 [blue])

These connectors connect to Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s hard disk drives and optical drives via Serial ATA 3.0 Gb/s signal cables.

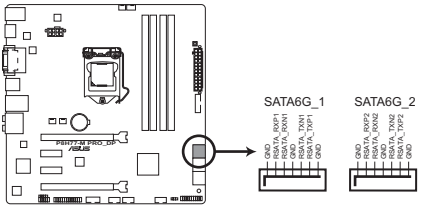


P8H77-M PRO_DP Intel® SATA 3.0Gb/s connectors

- These connectors are set to [IDE] by default. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the **SATA Mode Selection** item in the BIOS to [RAID]. See section **4.4.3 SATA Configuration** for details.
- Before creating a RAID set, refer to the RAID Supplementary Guide included in the folder named Manual in the support DVD.
- You must install Windows® XP Service Pack 3 or later version before using Serial ATA hard disk drives. The Serial ATA RAID feature (RAID 0, 1, 5, and 10) is available only if you are using Windows® XP SP3 or later version.
- When using hot-plug and NCQ, set the **SATA Mode Selection** item in the BIOS to [AHCI]. See section **4.4.3 SATA Configuration** for details.

2. Intel® H77 Serial ATA 6.0Gb/s connectors (7-pin SATA6G_1/2 [gray])

These connectors connect to Serial ATA 6.0 Gb/s hard disk drives via Serial ATA 6.0 Gb/s signal cables.



P8H77-M PRO_DP Intel® SATA 6.0Gb/s connectors

- These connectors are set to [IDE] by default. If you intend to create a Serial ATA RAID set using these connectors, set the **SATA Mode Selection** item in the BIOS to [RAID]. See section **4.4.3 SATA Configuration** for details.
- Before creating a RAID set, refer to the RAID Supplementary Guide included in the folder named Manual in the support DVD.
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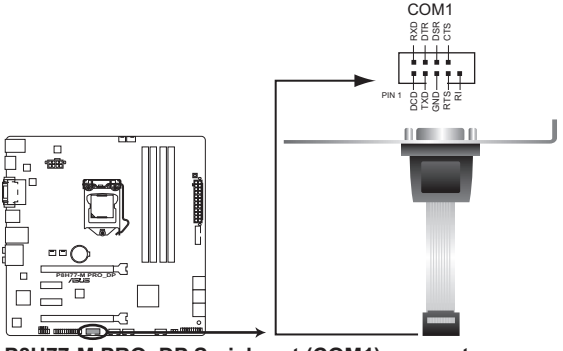
- When using hot-plug and NCQ, set the **SATA Mode Selection** item in the BIOS to [AHCI]. See section **4.4.3 SATA Configuration** for details.

3. Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM1)

This connector is for a serial (COM) port. Connect the serial port module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.

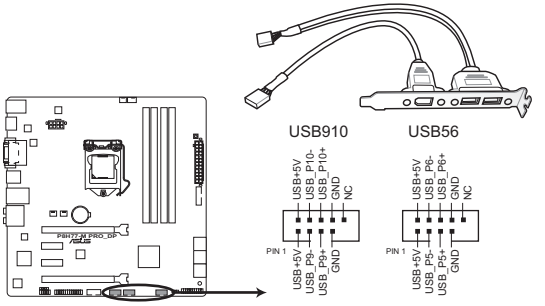


P8H77-M PRO_DP Serial port (COM1) connector

The COM module is purchased separately.

4. USB connectors (10-1 pin USB56, USB910)

These connectors are for USB 2.0 ports. Connect the USB module cable to any of these connectors, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis. These USB connectors comply with USB 2.0 specification that supports up to 480 Mbps connection speed.



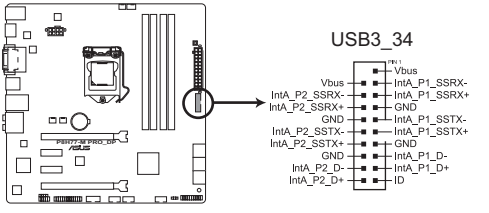
P8H77-M PRO_DP USB2.0 connector

Never connect a 1394 cable to the USB connectors. Doing so will damage the motherboard!

The USB module is purchased separately.

5. USB 3.0 connector (20-1 pin USB3_34)

This connector is for the additional USB 3.0 ports. Connect the USB 3.0 bracket cable to this connector, then install the USB 3.0 bracket to the rear side of the chassis. If your chassis support customized front panel installation, with ASUS USB 3.0 header, you can have a front panel USB 3.0 solution.

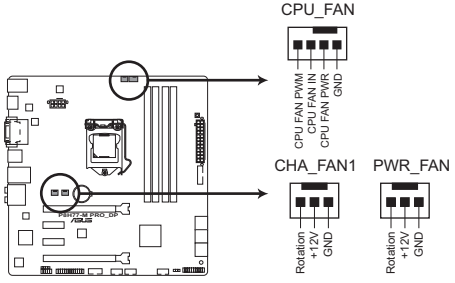


P8H77-M PRO_DP USB3.0 Front panel connector

The USB 3.0 module is purchased separately.

6. CPU, chassis and power fan connectors (4-pin CPU_FAN, 3-pin CHA_FAN1/2, 3-pin PWR_FAN)

Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, ensuring that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.



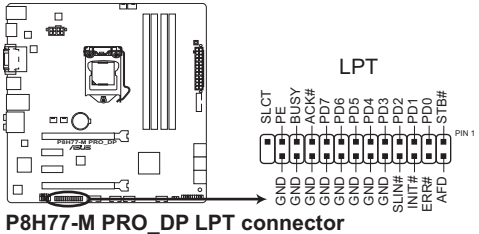
P8H77-M PRO_DP fan connectors

DO NOT forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! **DO NOT** place jumper caps on the fan connectors!

- The CPU_FAN connector supports a CPU fan of maximum 2A (24 W) fan power.
- Only the CPU_FAN, CHA_FAN1 and CHA_FAN2 connectors support the ASUS Fan Xpert feature.
- If you install two VGA cards, we recommend that you plug the rear chassis fan cable to the motherboard connector labeled CHA_FAN1 or CAH_FAN 2 for better thermal environment.

7. LPT connector (26-1 pin LPT)

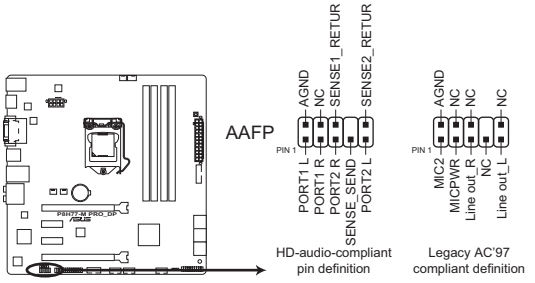
The LPT (Line Printing Terminal) connector supports devices such as a printer. LPT standardizes as IEEE 1284, which is the parallel port interface on IBM PC-compatible computers.



P8H77-M PRO_DP LPT connector

8. Front panel audio connector (10-1 pin AAFP)

This connector is for a chassis-mounted front panel audio I/O module that supports either HD Audio or legacy AC'97 audio standard.

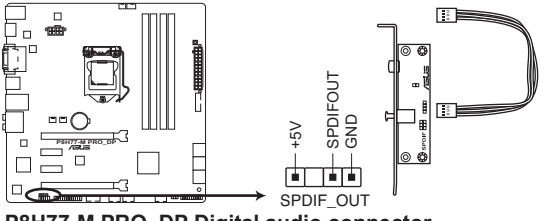


P8H77-M PRO_DP Front panel audio connector

- We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard's high-definition audio capability.
- By default, this connector is set to HD Audio. If you want to connect a High Definition front panel audio module to this connector, set the **HD Audio Controller** item in the BIOS to [Enabled]. See section **4.4.6 Onboard Devices Configuration** for details.

9. Digital Audio connector (4-1 pin SPDIF_OUT)

This connector is for the S/PDIF audio module to allow digital sound output. Connect one end of the S/PDIF audio cable to this connector and the other end to the S/PDIF module.

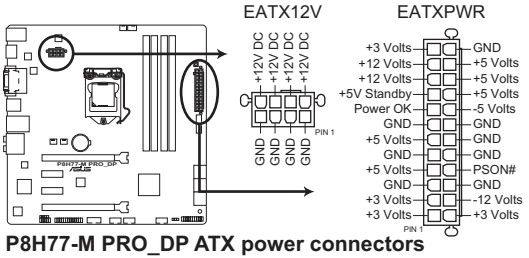


P8H77-M PRO_DP Digital audio connector

The S/PDIF out module is purchased separately.

10. ATX power connectors (24-pin EATXPWR, 8-pin EATX12V)

These connectors are for ATX power supply plugs. The power supply plugs are designed to fit these connectors in only one orientation. Find the proper orientation and push down firmly until the connectors completely fit.

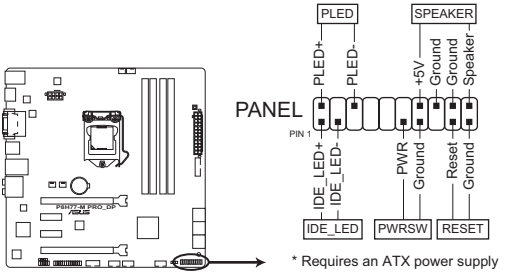


P8H77-M PRO_DP ATX power connectors

- For a fully configured system, we recommend that you use a power supply unit (PSU) that complies with ATX 12 V Specification 2.0 (or later version) and provides a minimum power of 350 W.
- DO NOT forget to connect the 4-pin / 8-pin ATX +12V power plug. Otherwise, the system will not boot up.
- We recommend that you use a PSU with higher power output when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- If you are uncertain about the minimum power supply requirement for your system, refer to the Recommended Power Supply Wattage Calculator at http://support.asus.com/PowerSupplyCalculator/PSCalculator.aspx?SLanguage=en-us for details.

11. System panel connector (20-8 pin PANEL)

This connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



P8H77-M PRO_DP System panel connector

- **System power LED (2-pin PLED)**

  This 2-pin connector is for the system power LED. Connect the chassis power LED cable to this connector. The system power LED lights up when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.

- **Hard disk drive activity LED (2-pin +IDE_LED)**

  This 2-pin connector is for the HDD Activity LED. Connect the HDD Activity LED cable to this connector. The IDE LED lights up or flashes when data is read from or written to the HDD.

- **System warning speaker (4-pin SPEAKER)**

  This 4-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted system warning speaker. The speaker allows you to hear system beeps and warnings.

- **ATX power button/soft-off button (2-pin PWRSW)**

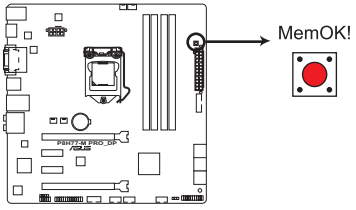
  This connector is for the system power button.

- **Reset button (2-pin RESET)**

  This 2-pin connector is for the chassis-mounted reset button for system reboot without turning off the system power.

3.4 MemOK! Switch

Installing DIMMs that are incompatible with the motherboard may cause system boot failure, and the DRAM_LED near the MemOK! switch lights continuously. Press and hold the MemOK! switch until the DRAM_LED starts blinking to begin automatic memory compatibility tuning for successful boot.



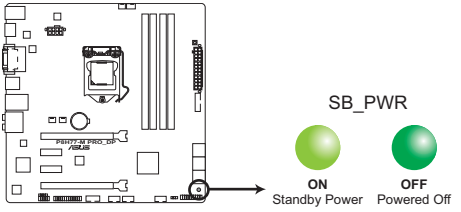
P8H77-M PRO DP MemOK! switch

- Refer to section **3.5 Onboard LEDs** for the exact location of the DRAM_LED.
- The DRAM_LED also lights when the DIMM is not properly installed. Turn off the system and reinstall the DIMM before using the MemOK! function.
- The MemOK! switch does not function under a Windows® OS environment.
- During the tuning process, the system loads and tests failsafe memory settings. It takes about 30 seconds for the system to test one set of failsafe settings. If the test fails, the system reboots and test the next set of failsafe settings. The blinking speed of the DRAM_LED increases, indicating different test processes.
- Due to memory tuning requirement, the system automatically reboots when each timing set is tested. If the installed DIMMs still fail to boot after the whole tuning process, the DRAM_LED remains list. Replace the DIMMs with ones recommended in the Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors Lists) in this user manual or on the ASUS website at www.asus.com.
- If you turn off the computer and replace DIMMs during the tuning process, the system continues memory tuning after turning on the computer. To stop memory tuning, turn off the computer and unplug the power cord for about 5–10 seconds.
- If your system fail to boot due to BIOS overclocking, press the MemOK! switch to boot and load BIOS default settings. A message will appear during POST reminding you that the BIOS has been restored to its default settings.
- We recommend that you download and update to the latest BIOS version from the ASUS website at www.asus.com after using the MemOK! function.

3.5 Onboard LEDs

1. Standby Power LED

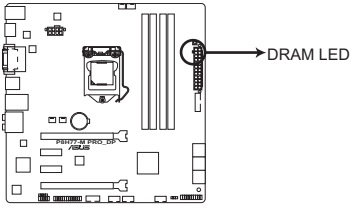
The motherboard comes with a standby power LED that lights up to indicate that the system is ON, in sleep mode, or in soft-off mode. This is a reminder that you should shut down the system and unplug the power cable before removing or plugging in any motherboard component. The illustration below shows the location of the onboard LED.



P8H77-M PRO_DP Onboard LED

2. DRAM LED

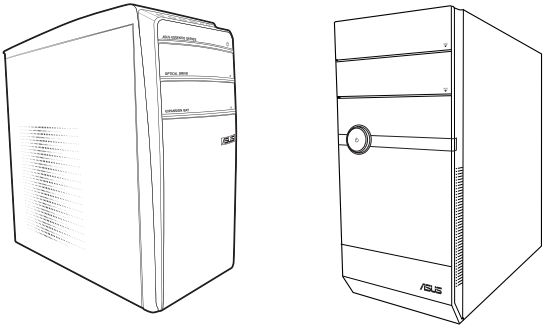
DRAM LED checks the DRAM in sequence during motherboard booting process. If an error is found , the LED next to the error device will remain lit until the problem is solved. This user-friendly design provides an intuitive way to locate the root problem immediately.



P8H77-M PRO_DP DRAM LED

Chapter 4

This chapter provides a detailed guide to navigating and setting up the BIOS.



BIOS setup

4.1 Managing and updating your BIOS

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) stores system settings such as storage device configuration, overclocking settings, advanced power management, and boot device configuration that are needed for system startup in the motherboard CMOS. In normal circumstances, the default BIOS settings provide optimum performance in most operating conditions. DO NOT change the default BIOS settings except in the following circumstances:

- An error message appears on the screen during the system startup and requests you to run the BIOS setup.
- You have installed a new system component that requires further BIOS settings or update.

- Incorrect BIOS settings may result to system instability or boot failure. We strongly recommend that you change the BIOS settings with the help of trained service personnel.
- Updating the BIOS is potentially risky. If there are no issues using the current BIOS version, DO NOT manually update the BIOS. A failed BIOS update may result in system boot failure.

- Save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS file to a USB flash disk in case you need to restore the BIOS in the future. Copy the original motherboard BIOS using the ASUS Update utility.
- Download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at www.asus.com

4.1.1 ASUS Update utility

ASUS Update is a utility that allows you to manage, save, and update the motherboard BIOS in Windows® environment.

- ASUS Update requires an Internet connection either through a network or an Internet Service Provider (ISP).
- This utility is available in the support DVD that comes with the motherboard package.

Installing ASUS Update

To install ASUS Update:

1. Place the support DVD in the optical drive. The **Drivers** menu appears.
2. Click the **Utilities** tab, then click **ASUS AI Suite II**.
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation.

Quit all Windows® applications before you update the BIOS using this utility.

Updating the BIOS

To update the BIOS:

1. From the Windows® desktop, click **Start > Programs > ASUS > AI Suite II > AI Suite II X.XX.XX** to launch the AI Suite II utility. The AI Suite II Quick Bar appears.
2. Click **Update** button from the Quick Bar, and then click **ASUS Update** from the popup menu. The **ASUS Update** main screen appears. From the list, select either of the following methods:

   Updating from the Internet

   a. Select **Update BIOS from Internet**, then click **Next**.

   b. Select the ASUS FTP site nearest you to avoid network traffic, then click **Next**.

   c. From the FTP site, select the BIOS version that you wish to download then click Next.

The ASUS Update utility is capable of updating itself through the Internet. Always update the utility to avail all its features.

   Updating from a BIOS file

   a. Select **Update BIOS from file**, then click **Next**.

   b. Locate the BIOS file from the **Open** window, then click **Open**.

3. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the update process.

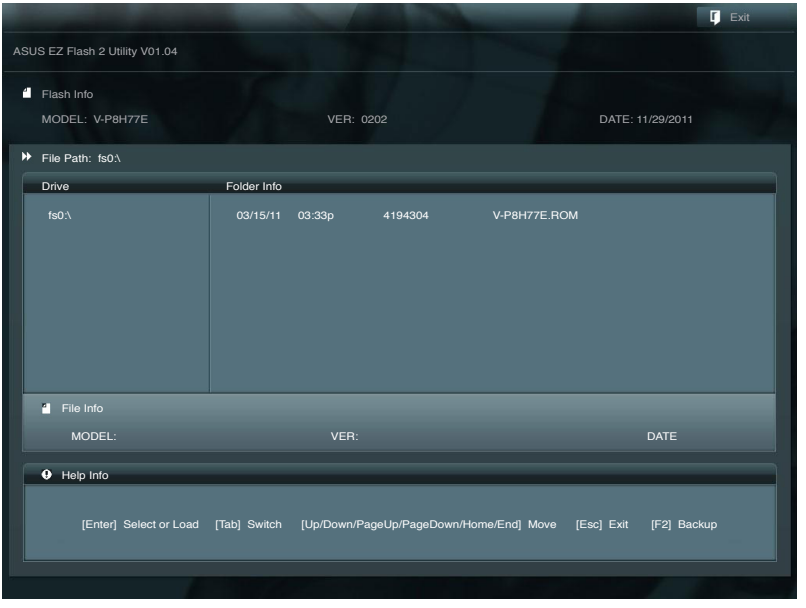
4.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash 2

The ASUS EZ Flash 2 feature allows you to update the BIOS without using an OS-based utility.

Before you start using this utility, download the latest BIOS ROM and Cap file from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.

To update the BIOS using EZ Flash 2:

1. Insert the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file to the USB port.
2. Enter the **Advanced Mode** of the BIOS setup program. Go to the **Tool** menu to select **ASUS EZ Flash Utility** and press <Enter> to enable it.



3. Press <Tab> to switch to the **Drive** field.
4. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS, and then press <Enter>.
5. Press <Tab> to switch to the **Folder Info** field.
6. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the BIOS file, and then press <Enter> to perform the BIOS update process. Reboot the system when the update process is done.

- This function supports USB flash disks on a single partition and formatted using **FAT16/FAT32**.
- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure.

4.1.3 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 is an auto recovery tool that allows you to restore the BIOS file when it fails or gets corrupted during the updating process. You can restore a corrupted BIOS file using the motherboard support DVD or a USB flash drive that contains the updated BIOS file.

The BIOS file in the support DVD may not be the latest version. Download the latest BIOS file from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.

Recovering the BIOS

To recover the BIOS:

1. Turn on the system.
2. Insert the support DVD to the optical drive or the USB flash drive that contains the BIOS file to the USB port.
3. The utility automatically checks the devices for the BIOS file. When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and enters ASUS EZ Flash 2 utility automatically.
4. The system requires you to enter BIOS Setup to recover BIOS setting. To ensure system compatibility and stability, we recommend that you press <F5> to load default BIOS values.

DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS! Doing so can cause system boot failure!

Load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item under the **Exit** menu. Refer to section **4.8 Exit menu** for details.

4.1.4 ASUS BIOS Updater

The ASUS BIOS Updater allows you to update the BIOS from within a DOS environment. This utility also allows you to backup the current BIOS file for use when the BIOS fails or gets corrupted during the BIOS upgrade.

The succeeding utility screens are for reference only. The actual utility screen may not be the same as shown here.

Before updating the BIOS

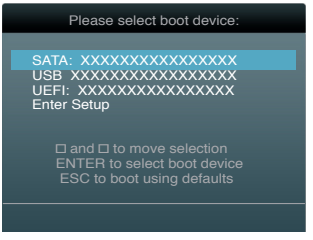
1. Prepare the motherboard support DVD and a USB flash drive. The flash drive should have only a single partition and formatted using FAT16/FAT32.
2. Download the latest BIOS file and BIOS Updater from the ASUS website at http://support.asus.com and save them on the USB flash drive.

NTFS is not supported under a DOS environment. Do not save the BIOS file and BIOS Updater to a hard disk drive or USB flash drive formatted using NTFS.

3. Turn off the computer and disconnect all SATA hard disk drives (optional).

Booting the system in DOS environment

1. Insert the USB flash drive with the latest BIOS file and BIOS Updater to the USB port.
2. Boot your computer. When the ASUS Logo appears, press <F8> to display the **BIOS Boot Device Select Menu**. Insert the support DVD into the optical drive and select the optical drive as the boot device.



3. When the **Make Disk** menu appears, select the **FreeDOS command prompt** item by pressing the item number.

4. At the FreeDOS prompt, type **d:** and press <Enter> to switch the disk from Drive C (optical drive) to Drive D (USB flash drive).

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Welcome to FreeDOS (http://www.freedos.org)!
C:\>d:
D:\>
```

Updating the BIOS file

1. At the FreeDOS prompt, type **bupdater /pc /g** and press <Enter>.

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D:\>bupdater /pc /g
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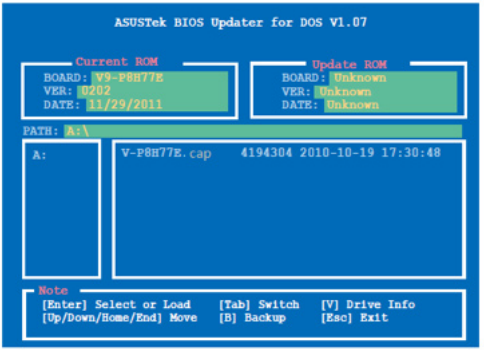
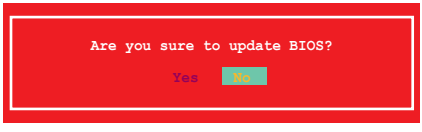
2. The BIOS Updater screen appears as below.



3. Press <Tab> to switch between screen fields and use the <Up/Down/Home/End> keys to select the BIOS file and press <Enter>. BIOS Updater checks the selected BIOS file and prompts you to confirm BIOS update.



4. Select Yes and press <Enter>. When BIOS update is done, press <ESC> to exit BIOS Updater. Restart your computer.

DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

- For BIOS Updater version 1.04 or later, the utility automatically exits to the DOS prompt after updating BIOS.
- Load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item under the **Exit** menu. Refer to section **4.8 Exit menu** for details.
- Reconnect all SATA hard disk drives after updating the BIOS file if you have disconnected them.

4.2 BIOS setup program

Use the BIOS Setup program to update the BIOS or configure its parameters. The BIOS screens include navigation keys and a brief online help to guide you in using the BIOS Setup program.

Entering BIOS Setup at startup

To enter BIOS Setup at startup:

- Press **<Delete>** during the Power-On Self-Test (POST). If you do not press **<Delete>**, POST continues with its routines.

Entering BIOS Setup after POST

To enter BIOS Setup after POST, do any of the following:

- Press **<Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Delete>** simultaneously.
- Press the reset button on the system chassis.
- Press the power button to switch the system off then turn it back on. Do these steps only if you failed to enter BIOS Setup using the first two options.

Using the **power button**, **reset button**, or the **<Ctrl>+<Alt>+<Del>** keys to force your system to reboot while an operating system is running can cause damage to your data or system. We recommend you always shutdown the system properly from the operating system.

- The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
- Ensure that a USB mouse is connected to your motherboard if you want to use the mouse to navigate around the BIOS setup program.
- The default BIOS settings for this motherboard ensures optimum performance for most operating conditions. If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS settings, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Default Settings** item under the Exit Menu. See section **4.8 Exit Menu**.
- If the system fails to boot after changing any BIOS setting, try to clear the CMOS and reset the motherboard to the default value. Refer to section **3.3 Jumper** on how to erase the RTC RAM.
- Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.

BIOS menu screen

The BIOS setup program can be used under two modes: EZ Mode and Advanced Mode. You can change modes from the Exit menu or from the Exit/Advanced Mode button in the EZ Mode/Advanced Mode screen.

EZ Mode

By default, the EZ Mode screen appears when you enter the BIOS setup program. The EZ Mode provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to select the display language, system performance mode and boot device priority. To access the Advanced Mode, click Exit/Advanced Mode, then select Advanced Mode.

The default screen for entering the BIOS setup program can be changed. Refer to the **Setup Mode** item in **section 4.6 Boot menu** for details.

Selects the display language of the BIOS setup program

Displays the CPU/motherboard temperature, CPU/5V/3.3V/12V voltage output, CPU/chassis/power fan speed

Exits the BIOS setup program without saving the changes, saves the changes and resets the system, or enters the Advanced Mode

Selects the boot device priority

Displays the system properties of the selected mode on the right hand side

Power Saving mode

Normal mode

Selects the boot device priority

Loads optimized default

ASUS Optimal mode

- The boot device options vary depending on the devices you installed to the system.
- The **Boot Menu(F8)** button is available only when the boot device is installed to the system.

Advanced Mode

The Advanced Mode provides advanced options for experienced end-users to configure the BIOS settings. The figure below shows an example of the Advanced Mode. Refer to the following sections for the detailed configurations.

To access the EZ Mode, click **Exit**, then select **ASUS EZ Mode**.

Menu bar

The menu bar on top of the screen has the following main items:

Main	For changing the basic system configuration
Advanced	For changing the advanced system settings
Monitor	For displaying the system temperature, power status, and changing the
Boot	For changing the system boot configuration
Tool	For configuring options for special functions
Exit	For selecting the exit options and loading default settings

Menu items

The highlighted item on the menu bar displays the specific items for that menu. For example, selecting **Main** shows the Main menu items.

The other items (Ai Tweaker, Advanced, Monitor, Boot, Tool, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.

Back button

This button appears when entering a submenu. Press <Esc> or use the USB mouse to click this button to return to the previous menu screen.

Submenu items

A greater than sign (>) before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a submenu. To display the submenu, select the item and press <Enter> or double-click the item.

Pop-up window

Select a menu item and press <Enter> to display a pop-up window with the configuration options for that item.

Scroll bar

A scroll bar appears on the right side of a menu screen when there are items that do not fit on the screen. Press the Up/Down arrow keys or <Page Up> / <Page Down> keys to display the other items on the screen.

Navigation keys

At the bottom right corner of the menu screen are the navigation keys for the BIOS setup program. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

General help

At the top right corner of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item.

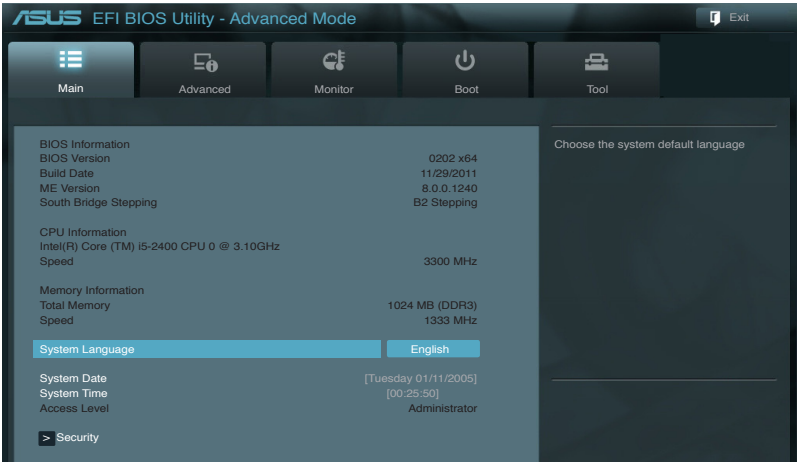
Configuration fields

These fields show the values for the menu items. If an item is user-configurable, you can change the value of the field opposite the item. You cannot select an item that is not user-configurable.

A configurable field is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it and press <Enter> or click on it to display a list of options.

4.3 Main menu

The Main menu screen appears when you enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS Setup program. The Main menu provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to set the system date, time, language, and security settings.



4.3.1 System Language [English]

Allows you to choose the BIOS language version from the options. Configuration options: [English] [Français] [Deutsch] [简体中文] [繁體中文] [日本語] [Español] [Русский]

4.3.2 System Date [Day xx/xx/xxxx]

Allows you to set the system date.

4.3.3 System Time [xx:xx:xx]

Allows you to set the system time.

4.3.4 Security

The Security menu items allow you to change the system security settings.

- If you have forgotten your BIOS password, erase the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM to clear the BIOS password. See section **3.3 Jumper** for information on how to erase the RTC RAM.
- The **Administrator** or **User Password** items on top of the screen show the default **Not Installed**. After you set a password, these items show **Installed**.

Administrator Password

If you have set an administrator password, we recommend that you enter the administrator password for accessing the system. Otherwise, you might be able to see or change only selected fields in the BIOS setup program.

To set an administrator password:

1. Select the **Administrator Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a password, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

To change an administrator password:

1. Select the **Administrator Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Enter Current Password** box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
3. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
4. Confirm the password when prompted.

To clear the administrator password, follow the same steps as in changing an administrator password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password. After you clear the password, the **Administrator Password** item on top of the screen shows **Not Installed**.

User Password

If you have set a user password, you must enter the user password for accessing the system. The **User Password** item on top of the screen shows the default **Not Installed**. After you set a password, this item shows **Installed**.

To set a user password:

1. Select the **User Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a password, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

To change a user password:

1. Select the **User Password** item and press <Enter>.
2. From the **Enter Current Password** box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
3. From the **Create New Password** box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
4. Confirm the password when prompted.

To clear the user password, follow the same steps as in changing a user password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password. After you clear the password, the **User Password** item on top of the screen shows **Not Installed**.

4.4 Advanced menu

The Advanced menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system devices.

Be cautious when changing the settings of the Advanced menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.

4.4.1 CPU Configuration

The items in this menu show the CPU-related information that the BIOS automatically detects.

The items shown in submenu may be different due to the CPU you installed.

Intel Adaptive Thermal Monitor [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the overheated CPU to throttle its clock speed to cool down.

[Disabled] Disables the CPU thermal monitor function.

Active Processor Cores [All]

Allows you to choose the number of CPU cores to activate in each processor package. Configuration options: [All] [1] [2] [3]

Limit CPUID Maximum [Disabled]

[Enabled] Allows legacy operating systems to boot even without support for CPUs with extended CPUID functions.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

Execute Disable Bit [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the No-Execution Page Protection Technology.

[Disabled] Forces the XD feature flag to always return to zero (0).

Intel Virtualization Technology [Disabled]

[Enabled] Allows a hardware platform to run multiple operating systems separately and simultaneously, enabling one system to virtually function as several systems.

[Disabled] Disables this function.

Hardware Prefetcher [Enabled]

[Enabled] Turns on the Mid Level Cache (L2) streamer prefetcher.

[Disabled] Turns off the Mid Level Cache (L2) streamer prefetcher.

Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch [Enabled]

[Enabled] Turns on prefetching of adjacent cache lines.

[Disabled] Turns off prefetching of adjacent cache lines.

CPU Power Management Configuration

Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Enhanced Intel® SpeedStep Technology (EIST).

[Disabled] The CPU runs at its default speed.

[Enabled] The operating system controls the CPU speed.

CPU C1E [Auto]

Enables or disables the C1E support function. This item should be enabled in order to enable the Enhanced Halt State. Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

CPU C3 Report [Auto]

Allows you to disable or enable the CPU C3 report to the operating system. Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

CPU C6 Report [Auto]

Allows you to disable or enable the CPU C6 report to the operating system. Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

4.4.2 PCH Configuration

High Precision Timer [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the High Precision Event Timer.
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology

Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology.
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology

ISCT Configuration [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology (ISCT).
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

4.4.3 SATA Configuration

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of SATA devices. The SATA Port items show **Empty** if no SATA device is installed to the corresponding SATA port.

SATA Mode Selection [IDE]

Allows you to set the SATA configuration.

[Disabled]	Disables the SATA function.
[IDE]	Set to [IDE] when you want to use the Serial ATA hard disk drives as Parallel ATA physical storage devices.
[AHCI]	Set to [AHCI] when you want the SATA hard disk drives to use the AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface). The AHCI allows the onboard storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features that increases storage performance on random workloads by allowing the drive to internally optimize the order of commands.
[RAID]	Set to [RAID] when you want to create a RAID configuration from the SATA hard disk drives.

S.M.A.R.T. Status Check [Enabled]

S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) is a monitor system. When read/write of your hard disk errors occur, this feature allows the hard disk to report warning messages during the POST. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

4.4.4 System Agent Configuration

Memory Remap Feature [Enabled]

Enables or disables the memory remap feature. Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

Graphics Configuration

Primary Display [Auto]

Allows you to decide which graphics controller to use as the primary boot device.
Configuration options: [Auto] [iGFX] [PEG]

iGPU Memory [64M]

Allows you to set the iGPU memory size. Configuration options: [32M] [64M] [96M] [128M] ~ [448M] [480M] [512M] [1024M]

Render Standby [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable Render Standby by internal graphics devices. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Initiate iGPU [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the Lucid Virtu support for both the integrated and discrete graphics. The iGPU shared memory size will be fixed at 64MB. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

NB PCIe Configuration

PCIEX16_1 Link Speed [Auto]

Sets up PCIEX16_1 B0:D1:F0 Gen1~Gen2. Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2]

PCIEX16_2 Link Speed [Auto]

Sets up PCIEX16_1 B0:D1:F1 Gen1~Gen2. Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2]

4.4.5 USB Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to change the USB-related features.

The USB Devices item shows the auto-detected values. If no USB device is detected, the item shows None.

Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the support for USB devices on legacy operating systems (OS).

[Disabled] The USB devices can be used only for the BIOS setup program.

[Auto] Allows the system to detect the presence of USB devices at startup. If detected, the USB controller legacy mode is enabled. If no USB device is detected, the legacy USB support is disabled.

Legacy USB3.0 Support [Enabled]

This item appears only on P8Q67-M DO/USB3/TPM.

[Enabled] Enables the support for USB 3.0 devices on legacy operating systems (OS).

[Disabled] Disables the function.

Intel xHCI Mode [Smart Auto]

Allows you to select an operation mode for the Intel xHCI controller. Configuration options: [Smart Auto] [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

EHCI Hand-off [Disabled]

[Enabled] Enables the support for operating systems without an EHCI hand-off feature.

[Disabled] Disables the function.

4.4.6 Onboard Devices Configuration

HD Audio Controller [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the High Definition Audio Controller.

[Disabled] Disables the controller.

SPDIF Out Type [SPDIF]

[SPDIF] Sets to [SPDIF] for SPDIF audio output.

[HDMI] Sets to [HDMI] for HDMI audio output.

USB 2.0 Control [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables all USB 2.0 ports.

[Disabled] Disables all USB 2.0 ports.

Realtek LAN Controller [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the Realtek LAN controller.

[Disabled] Disables the controller.

Realtek PXE OPROM [Disabled]

This item appears only when you set the previous item to [Enabled] and allows you to enable or disable the PXE OptionRom of the Realtek LAN controller.
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

4.4.7 APM

Restore AC Power Loss [Power Off]

[Power On] The system goes into on state after an AC power loss.

[Power Off] The system goes into off state after an AC power loss.

[Last State] The system goes into either off or on state, whatever the system state was before the AC power loss.

Power On By PCIE [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables the PCIE devices to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] Enables the PCIE devices to generate a wake event.

Power On By Ring [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables Ring to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] Enables Ring to generate a wake event.

Power On By RTC [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables RTC to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] When set to [Enabled], the items **RTC Alarm Date (Days)** and **Hour/ Minute/Second** will become user-configurable with set values.

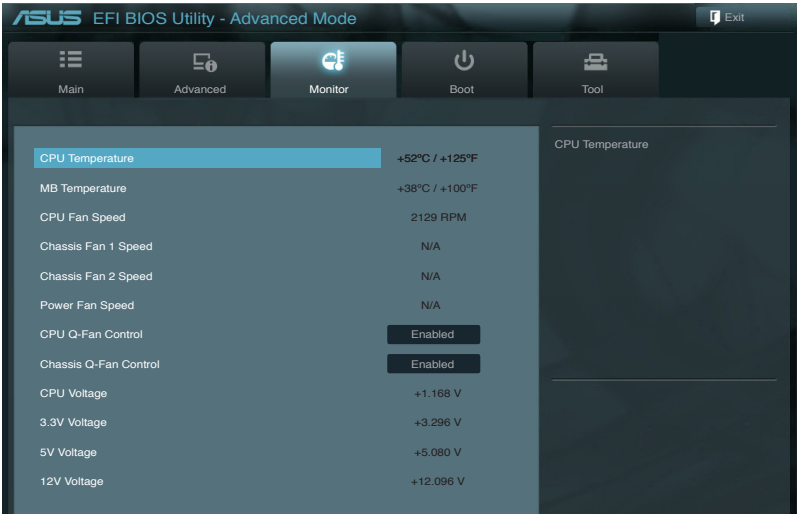
4.4.8 Network Stack

Network Stack [Disable Link]

Enables or disables the network stack (Pxe and UEFI). Configuration options: [Disable Link] [Enable]

4.5 Monitor menu

The Monitor menu displays the system temperature/power status, and allows you to change the fan settings.



4.5.1 CPU Temperature / MB Temperature [xxx°C/xxx°F]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU and motherboard temperatures. Select **Ignore** if you do not wish to display the detected temperatures.

4.5.2 CPU / Chassis / [N/A]

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects and displays the CPU and chassis fan speeds in rotations per minute (RPM). If the fan is not connected to the motherboard, the field shows **N/A**. Select **Ignore** if you do not wish to display the detected speed.

4.5.3 CPU Q-Fan Control [Enabled]

[Disabled] Disables the CPU Q-Fan control feature.

[Enabled] Enables the CPU Q-Fan control feature.

4.5.4 Chassis Q-Fan Control [Enabled]

[Disabled] Disables the Chassis Q-Fan control feature.

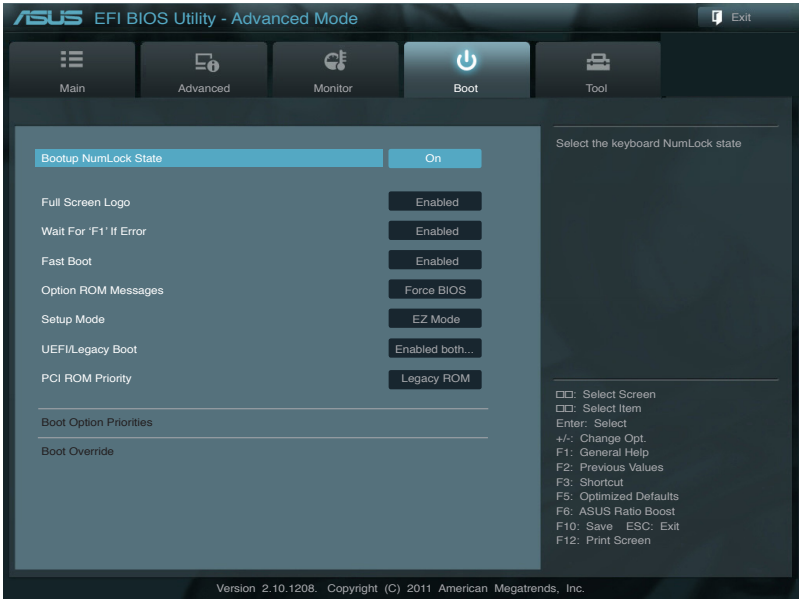
[Enabled] Enables the Chassis Q-Fan control feature.

4.5.5 CPU Voltage, 3.3V Voltage, 5V Voltage, 12V Voltage

The onboard hardware monitor automatically detects the voltage output through the onboard voltage regulators. Select **Ignore** if you do not want to detect this item.

4.6 Boot menu

The Boot menu items allow you to change the system boot options.



4.6.1 Bootup NumLock State [On]

[On] Sets the power-on state of the NumLock to [On].

[Off] Sets the power-on state of the NumLock to [Off].

4.6.2 Full Screen Logo [Enabled]

[Enabled] Enables the full screen logo display feature.

[Disabled] Disables the full screen logo display feature.

Set this item to [Enabled] to use the ASUS MyLogo 2™ feature.

Post Report [5 sec]

This item appears only when the Full Screen Logo item is set to [Disabled] and allows you to set the waiting time for the system to display the post report. Configuration options: [1 sec] [2 sec] [3 sec] [4 sec] [5 sec] [6 sec] [7 sec] [8 sec] [9 sec] [10 sec] [Until Press ESC]

4.6.3 Wait for 'F1' If Error [Enabled]

When this item is set to **[Enabled]**, the system waits for the F1 key to be pressed when error occurs. Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4.6.4 Option ROM Messages [Force BIOS]

[Force BIOS] The third-party ROM messages will be forced to display during the boot sequence.

[Keep Current] The third-party ROM messages will be displayed only if the third-party manufacturer had set the add-on device to do so.

4.6.5 Setup Mode [EZ Mode]

[Advanced Mode] Sets Advanced Mode as the default screen for entering the BIOS setup program.

[EZ Mode] Sets EZ Mode as the default screen for entering the BIOS setup program.

4.6.6 UEFI/Legacy Boot [Enabled both UEFI and Legacy]

Enables or disables boot from the UEFI or Legacy devices. Configuration options: [Enable both UEFI and legacy] [Disable UEFI] [Disable Legacy]

4.6.7 PCI ROM Priority [Legacy ROM]

This item specifies the PCI Option ROM launch priority when multiple Option ROMs are available. Configuration options: [Legacy ROM] [EFI Compatible ROM]

4.6.8 Boot Option Priorities

These items specify the boot device priority sequence from the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system.

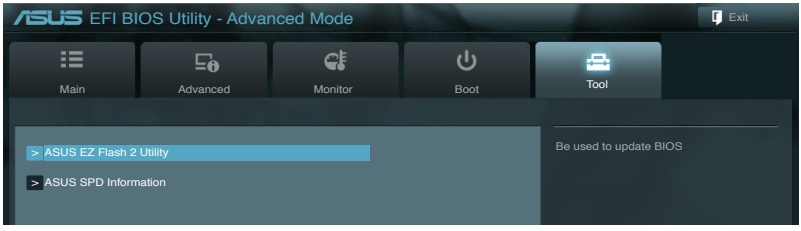
- To select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when ASUS Logo appears.
- To access Windows OS in Safe Mode, press <F8> after POST.

4.6.9 Boot Override

This item displays the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed on the system. Click an item to start booting from the selected device.

4.7 Tools menu

The Tools menu items allow you to configure options for special functions. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the submenu.



4.7.1 ASUS EZ Flash 2

Allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash 2. Press [Enter] to launch the ASUS EZ Flash 2 screen.

For more details, refer to section **4.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash 2**.

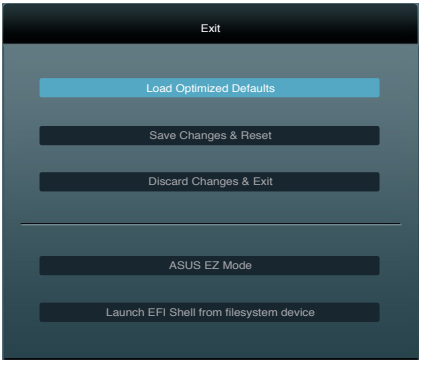
4.7.2 ASUS SPD Information

DIMM Slot # [Slot 1]

Displays the Serial Presence Detect (SPD) information of the DIMM module installed on the selected slot. Configuration options: [Slot 1] [Slot 2] [Slot 3] [Slot 4]

4.8 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items. You can access the **EZ Mode** from the Exit menu.



Load Optimized Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When you select this option or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to load the default values.

Save Changes & Reset

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved. When you select this option or if you press <F10>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to save changes and exit.

Discard Changes & Exit

This option allows you to exit the Setup program without saving your changes. When you select this option or if you press <Esc>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to discard changes and exit.

ASUS EZ Mode

This option allows you to enter the EZ Mode screen.

Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

This option allows you to attempt to launch the EFI Shell application (shellx64.efi) from one of the available devices that have a filesystem.

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